

2014

ANNUAL REPORT



for the Town of
FRANCETOWN
New Hampshire

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Hours: Mon, Tues & Thurs 8:00am-12:00pm
Wed 8:00am-4:30pm

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

27 Main Street, P.O. Box 67
Phone: 547-6251
Fax: 547-2622
Email: frankestowntc@comcast.net
Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Police

15 New Boston Road
EMERGENCY 911
Non-emergency: 547-2043
Dispatch: 547-6850
Email: frankestownpd@comcast.net

Fire Department

250 2nd NH Turnpike South
EMERGENCY 911
Non-emergency: 547-6664

Highway Department

242 2nd NH Turnpike South
Phone: 547-8841

Transfer Station

248 Todd Road
Phone: 547-8855
Hours: Wed 1:00pm-6:00pm (winter)
Wed 1:00pm-8:00pm (summer)
Sat 8:30am-4:30pm
Sun 8:30am-1:00pm

Animal Control

Don Abbott: 547-3509

Library

52 Main Street
Phone: 547-2730
Email: frankestownlibrary@gmail.com
Email Children's Library:
kidlit@comcast.net
Hours: Closed Monday
Tues 1:00pm-5:00pm
Wed 10:00am-12:00pm
1:00pm-5:00pm
Thurs 1:00pm-6:00pm
Fri 10:00am-12:00pm
1:00pm-5:00pm
Sat 9:00am-1:00pm

PUBLIC NOTICE TO FRANKESTOWN RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

[RSA 674:39-aa.VI]

Pursuant to Chapter 206 (HB 316) of the 2011 Legislative session, and RSA 674:39-aa, notice is hereby given to all Frankestown residents and property owners that any involuntary merged lots may be restored to premerger status upon the owner's request to the Board of Selectmen. Notice posted at Frankestown Town Offices and shall remain posted until December 31, 2016. Notice shall be published in the Town's annual reports through 2015.

*ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
FRANCESTOWN
NEW HAMPSHIRE*



*For the year ending
DECEMBER 31, 2014*

Thank you to all who submitted photos for our Town Report!

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In Recognition



O. Alan Thulander

1937–2014

Years of Community Service Including:

Francestown Board of Selectmen
Francestown Fire Department
Planning Board • Cemetery Commission
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Old Meeting House Board
NH House of Representatives

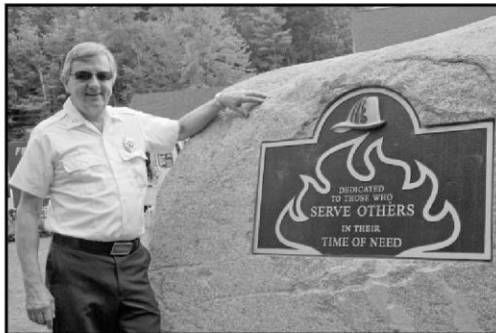


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FRANCESTOWN TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MODERATOR

Paul H. Lawrence

Term Expires 2015

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Abigail Arnold, Chair
Betsy Hardwick
Scott S. Carbee

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016

TREASURER

Nicholas Wilder, Resigned
Kimberlee A. Dalley

Term Expires 2015

TOWN CLERK

Elaine T. McClary, Resigned
Pamela Finnell

Term Expires 2015

TAX COLLECTOR

Elaine T. McClary, Resigned
Pamela A. Finnell

Term Expires 2015

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Deborah Rogers, Chair
Elizabeth Hunter Lavallee, Treasurer
Robin Haubrich, Secretary
Kelly Marshall
Paul Lawrence
Janet Hicks, Alternate

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2015

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Henry Kunhardt, Reporting Trustee
Silas Little
Donna Barbalato

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Phyllis A. Naegeli

Term Expires 2015

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Barbara J. Carbee, Chair
Catherine Gombas
Thomas P. Anderson

Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2018

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Polly Freese, Chair
Ethel MacStubbs
Elizabeth Wiederhold

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017

FIREWARDS

Brian Delahanty	Term Expires 2015
Aaron Eder-Linell	Term Expires 2015
David Hanlon	Term Expires 2015
Lawrence Kullgren	Term Expires 2015
Richard F. Leavitt	Term Expires 2015

PLANNING BOARD

Sarah Hibbard Pyle, Chair	Term Expires 2016
Lawrence Ames, Secretary	Term Expires 2015
Linda Kunhardt	Term Expires 2015
Robert Lindgren	Term Expires 2016
Lisa Bourbeau	Term Expires 2017
Prescott G. Tolman	Term Expires 2017
Abigail Arnold, Ex-officio	
Lisa Wilsher, Alternate	Term Expires 2015
William McNeil, Alternate	Term Expires 2016
Henry G.W. Camirand, Alternate	Term Expires 2017
Marti Callahan, Minutes Clerk	

STATE SENATOR

Gerald H. Little	Term Expires 2016
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STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Frank Edelblut	Term Expires 2016
Richard D. McNamara	Term Expires 2016
Carol R. Roberts	Term Expires 2016
Kermit R. Williams	Term Expires 2016

OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Silas Little, Chairman	Term Expires 2015
Charles Pyle, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2017
Sue Jonas	Term Expires 2015
Thomas Lowery	Term Expires 2016
Michael Jones	Term Expires 2017
Scot Heath, Alternate	Term Expires 2016
Janet Hicks, Alternate	Term Expires 2017

BUDGET & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charles Pyle, Chairman	Term Expires 2016
Henry Kunhardt, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2016
Bill McAuley	Term Expires 2015
Nicholas F. Wilder	Term Expires 2015
Stewart Brock	Term Expires 2017

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Betsy Hardwick, Chair	Term Expires 2016
Don Crooker, Vice Chair	Term Expires 2015
Kris Holmes, Clerk	Term Expires 2016
Christopher K. Danforth	Term Expires 2015
Barbara J. Carbee	Term Expires 2017
Scot Heath	Term Expires 2017
Don Shuffleton	Term Expires 2017
Polly Freese, Alternate	Term Expires 2015
Kelly Marshall, Alternate	Term Expires 2016
George Sanderson, Alternate	Term Expires 2017

RECREATION COMMISSION

Robert Rokes, Chairman	Term Expires 2016
Paul McGrath	Term Expires 2015
Donna Noonan	Term Expires 2015
Christina Wohle	Term Expires 2017

HERITAGE COMMISSION

Maureen von Rosenvinge, Chair, deceased	
Elly Miles, Chair	Term Expires 2016
Michelle Ferencsik, Vice Chair	Term Expires 2016
Lisa Stewart	Term Expires 2015
Barbara Caskie	Term Expires 2017
Betsy Hardwick, Ex-officio	
Barbara J. Carbee, Alternate	Term Expires 2015
Diane Curran, Alternate	Term Expires 2016

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

B. J. Carbee	Term Expired 2013
Betsy Hardwick	Term Expired 2013

WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Rebecca Moul, Chair	Term Expires 2016
John Arnold, Jr.	Term Expires 2015
Bruce Harrington	Term Expires 2016
Lee Davis	Term Expires 2017
Michael Tartalis	Term Expires 2017
Charles Blattman, Resigned	

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Betsy Wiederhold	Term Expires 2015
Polly Freese	Term Expires 2016
Scott Carbee	Term Expires 2017

CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Stephan Morrissey, School Board Member	Term Expires 2017
Tim Clark, Moderator	Term Expires 2015

CONVAL SELECTMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Scott S. Carbee, Frankestown Representative

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Michael T. Branley

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK

Daryl Hazel, Resigned

DEPUTY TREASURER

Charles Pyle, Resigned

ROAD AGENT

Gary Paige

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Ed Hunter

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Donald C. Abbott

HEALTH OFFICER

Kay Anderson

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

Ed Hunter

POLICE OFFICERS

Chief Stephen P. Bell

Jeffrey Danforth, Officer

Glenn Roberge, Officer

Jonathan Nightingale, Officer

Donald Simms, Officer

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Lawrence Kullgren

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Kevin Holdredge

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nicole Kjellquist

HISTORIAN

Kris Holmes

KEEPERS OF THE CLOCK

David Gombas

Daniel Grady

Warren Kiblin

Silas Little

SOUTHERN NH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Scot Heath

Prescott G. Tolman

Rebecca Harris, Alternate

Jennifer Vadney, Alternate

2015 TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Francestown, in said County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Offices. 27 Main Street, in said Francestown on Tuesday, the Tenth day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting of Article 1 through 3 will be by official ballot, and the polls shall be open for balloting on said date at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By Official Ballot)

ARTICLE 2:

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 41:45-a, to combine the positions of Town Clerk and Tax Collector thereby creating a new office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector to be held by one individual. The Town Clerk-Tax Collector shall be first elected to a three year term at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. (By Official Ballot)

ARTICLE 3:

Are you in favor of the adoption the amendment to Article IV: SIGNS of the Francestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board?

This amendment would modify parameters for on-premises commercial signs and temporary signs and prohibit off-premise signage. The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this article.

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Francestown Elementary School on Saturday, the Fourteenth day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the Town will act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED (\$1,619,200) DOLLARS to pay the normal operating costs of the Town, such sum to be raised by taxation. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED (\$489,100) DOLLARS to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner:

\$7,500	Future Replacement of Fire Equipment
\$125,000	Future Replacement or Purchase of Highway Equipment
\$205,000	Future Repair and Replacement of Bridges
\$1,600	Future Cemetery Improvements
\$15,000	Future Replacement of Police Vehicles
\$25,000	Future Replacement of Fire Trucks
\$100,000	Future Town Building Improvements
\$10,000	Future Appraisal of Real Estate

Such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED (\$89,600) DOLLARS from Undesignated Fund Surplus and THREE HUNDRED NINETY NINE THOUSAND FIVE

HUNDRED (\$399,500) DOLLARS by taxation. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED (\$1,600) DOLLARS to be added to the General Cemetery Maintenance Trust, an Expendable Trust Fund (said amount representing revenue received from the sale of cemetery lots in the year 2014), with such sum to be raised from the Undesignated Fund Surplus. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000) DOLLARS to be added to the Master Plan Update Fund, an Expendable Trust Fund, with such sum to be raised from the Undesignated Fund Surplus. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS to complete various Town building projects, generally outlined as:
\$70,000 for an exhaust treatment system for the Fire Station
\$30,000 for Town Office exterior painting, clapboard repairs, and window replacements
Such sum to be withdrawn from the "Future Town Building Improvements Capital Reserve", or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote that in lieu of statutory fees the Town Clerk-Tax Collector shall be paid an annual salary of THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND (\$34,000) DOLLARS beginning in 2016. Such salary shall be included in the Town's operating budget going forward and shall be subject to increases or decreases as voted by Town Meeting. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND (\$24,000) DOLLARS for the treatment of invasive milfoil in Scoby Pond (aka Haunted Lake), SIX THOUSAND (\$6,000) DOLLARS to be raised by the acceptance of grants and EIGHTEEN THOUSAND (\$18,000) DOLLARS to be raised by taxation, or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500) DOLLARS to fund milfoil prevention efforts at Pleasant Pond by contributing to the funding of boat monitors between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2015, such sum to be raised by taxation or to take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 12:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand fifteen.

2015 BUDGET – TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN – MS-636*

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	War. Art #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
4130-4139	Executive	04	\$88,475	\$89,627	\$99,400	-
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	04	\$44,000	\$40,846	\$44,320	-
4150-4151	Financial Administration	04	\$40,475	\$38,038	\$40,100	-
4152	Revaluation of Property	04	\$35,350	\$31,883	\$11,375	-
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$43,500	\$24,938	\$35,500	-
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	04	\$176,750	\$168,248	\$175,250	-
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	04	\$6,500	\$3,346	\$6,350	-
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$70,500	\$67,391	\$76,650	-
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$13,000	\$11,597	\$13,800	-
4196	Insurance	04	\$28,545	\$28,545	\$32,105	-
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	04	\$2,400	\$2,376	\$2,400	-
4199	Other General Gov.		-	-	-	-
PUBLIC SAFETY						
4210-4214	Police	04	\$145,800	\$138,928	\$146,925	-
4215-4219	Ambulance	04	\$13,500	\$13,436	\$22,600	-
4220-4229	Fire	04	\$57,650	\$57,279	\$58,350	-
4240-4249	Building Inspection	04	\$4,700	\$5,134	\$5,600	-
4290-4298	Emergency Management	04	\$500	\$184	\$500	-
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		-	-	-	-
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		-	-	-	-
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
4311	Administration		-	-	-	-
4312	Highways & Streets	04	\$420,500	\$399,221	\$421,500	-
4313	Bridges	04	\$8,500	\$6,397	\$5,000	-
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$3,400	\$3,436	\$3,600	-
4319	Other	04	\$75,000	\$74,581	\$78,500	-
SANITATION						
4321	Administration		-	-	-	-
4323	Solid Waste Collection		-	-	-	-
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	04	\$106,050	\$110,723	\$116,050	-
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	04	\$2,500	\$1,482	\$2,500	-
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		-	-	-	-

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT						
4331	Administration		-	-	-	-
4332	Water Services		-	-	-	-
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		-	-	-	-
ELECTRIC						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		-	-	-	-
4353	Purchase Costs		-	-	-	-
4354	Electric Equip. Maint.		-	-	-	-
4359	Other Electric Costs		-	-	-	-
HEALTH						
4411	Administration		-	-	-	-
4414	Pest Control		-	-	-	-
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	04	\$8,270	\$8,190	\$8,270	-
WELFARE						
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assist.	04	\$26,200	\$6,149	\$20,000	-
4444	Intergov. Welfare Pymts		-	-	-	-
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		-	-	-	-
CULTURE & RECREATION						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	04	\$32,100	\$29,375	\$33,000	-
4550-4559	Library	04	\$73,855	\$73,202	\$75,925	-
4583	Patriotic Purposes	04	\$1,000	\$989	\$1,200	-
4589	Other Culture & Rec.		-	-	-	-
CONSERVATION						
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	04	\$1,320	\$537	\$1,400	-
4619	Other Conservation		-	-	-	-
4631-4632	Redevelopment & Housing		-	-	-	-
4651-4659	Economic Development		-	-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	04	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	-
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	04	\$30,329	\$30,328	\$27,529	-
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	04	\$1	-	\$1	-
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	04	\$7,000	\$5,594	\$3,500	-

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CAPITAL OUTLAY						
4901	Land		-	-	-	-
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		-	-	-	-
4903	Buildings		-	-	-	-
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		-	-	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		-	-	-	-
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		-	-	-	-
4914	To Enterprise Fund		-	-	-	-
	- Sewer		-	-	-	-
	- Water		-	-	-	-
	- Electric		-	-	-	-
	- Airport		-	-	-	-
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		-	-	-	-
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		-	-	-	-
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			\$1,617,670	\$1,522,000	\$1,619,200	

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article

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4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	08	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
	Purpose: Building Projects					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$477,200	\$477,200	\$489,100	\$0
	Purpose: To appropriate funds to CRFs					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	06	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$1,600	\$0
	Purpose: Appropriate funds to ETFs					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	07	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
	Purpose: Appropriate Funds to ETF					
Special Articles Recommended			\$489,400	\$489,400	\$592,700	\$0

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one-time nature you wish to address individually.

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4619	Other Conservation	10	\$19,520	\$18,922	\$24,000	\$0
	Purpose: Milfoil Treatment					
4619	Other Conservation	11	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
	Purpose: Milfoil Prevention					
Individual Articles Recommended			\$19,520	\$18,922	\$26,500	\$0

REVENUES

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	War Art #	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		-	-	-
3180	Resident Taxes		-	-	-
3185	Yield Taxes	04	\$10,000	\$9,700	\$10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		-	-	-
3189	Other Taxes		-	-	-
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	04	\$30,000	\$53,150	\$35,000
	Inventory Penalties		-	-	-
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		-	-	-
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		-	\$25	-
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	\$235,000	\$266,337	\$235,000
3230	Building Permits	04	\$4,000	\$7,334	\$5,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	04	\$24,000	\$24,866	\$24,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		-	-	-
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues			-	-
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	04	\$75,402	\$75,402	\$75,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	04	\$81,824	\$82,118	\$86,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		-	-	-
3355	Housing & Community Development		-	-	-
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		-	-	-
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		-	-	-
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	10	\$8,608	\$17,428	\$6,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		-	-	-
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	04	\$22,000	\$25,304	\$22,000
3409	Other Charges		-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		-	\$26,807	
3502	Interest on Investments		-	\$1,471	-
3503-3509	Other	04	\$5,000	\$20,231	\$5,000

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	War Art #	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		-	-	-
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		-	-	-
3914	From Enterprise Funds		-	-	-
	Sewer - (Offset)		-	-	-
	Water - (Offset)		-	-	-
	Electric - (Offset)		-	-	-
	Airport - (Offset)		-	-	-
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	08	\$243,000	\$221,689	\$100,000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		-	-	-
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds			-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		\$350,000	\$0	\$0
	Amount Voted From Fund Balance	06, 07, 05	\$224,680	\$224,680	\$93,200
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	04	\$0	\$0	\$45,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS				\$1,313,514	\$1,056,603

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	\$1,592,670	\$1,619,200
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	\$839,400	\$592,700
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	\$361,120	\$26,500
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,793,190	\$2,238,400
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	\$1,356,288	\$741,200
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,436,902	\$1,497,200

* Original signed MS forms available at the Town Office

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

It has been a good year for the Town. 2014 began with the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) awarding two grants totaling \$150,000 - benefiting the Town's conservation efforts and ended with a \$200,000 LCHIP grant for the Town Hall. In between we received a \$10,000 Mooseplate grant to help with the clock repairs, \$7,600 in Forest Fire and DES milfoil funds and \$682,308 from the NH DOT for the reconstruction of the Turnpike Bridge. The Turnpike Bridge came in below budget in an amount sufficient to fund the increase in DOT's current estimates for the next 2 bridges.

The most difficult challenge we might have faced in 2014 was DOT's notification that the Scoby Road Bridge had to be closed. Fortunately, we had anticipated the problem and gotten ahead of it. Bridge reconstruction started as scheduled shortly after closure and was completed in late fall. Engineering for the new Woodward Hill and Juniper Hill bridges is proceeding and it is anticipated that construction will begin early next summer. Because it is on a dead end road the logistics of the Juniper Hill Bridge are unusually difficult and the scale of the reconstruction is not as compatible with rural character as we would like. This should be less of a problem with the next priority tier of bridges: Old County Road North and Russell Station. Both bridges have been accepted in the state bridge aid program for 2021 and 2022. Preliminary cost estimates, which include a temporary bridge for Russell Station are \$1,250,000 and \$1,500,000 respectively. The Town's estimated share of the projects would be \$550,000. Based on this schedule, 2022 should mark the end of the major bridge reconstruction projects. If further analysis determines that the economics and/or necessary timing make it practical for the Town to undertake the projects on its own, as was done with the Scoby Bridge, we will do so.

We have also been putting a dent in our other big long term challenge – Town buildings. The cupola on the Town Hall underwent major repairs; the Town clock exterior has been refurbished; library chimneys have been capped and other brick work done; the fire department has a new heating system, new clapboards where necessary and a new paint job. This push will continue in 2015. Rehabilitation of the Town Hall will proceed when the necessary additional funds are found to supplement the LCHIP grant and the \$350,000 approved at the 2014 Town Meeting. Additionally, the Town Office building is slated for new windows and paint and an exhaust system for the fire department is planned. If tax increases are to be kept to the targeted range, these projects will have to be funded from available 2014 undesignated fund surplus.

The Board believes it is close to having achieved its objectives for effective, service oriented administration that keeps the office running smoothly while meeting the needs of departments and the public. All citizens can have confidence in the quality and scope of work being done and most should now find the time requirements for being a Selectman manageable. More detailed and aggressive requests for proposals on purchases, projects and services are resulting in significant savings with no compromise in quality. As examples, hauling costs for the compactor and construction materials at the transfer station are saving about 10% per year over the life of the contract while an estimated \$10,000+ was saved on 2014 paint jobs. The office has written grant proposals and provided support to other departments, such as the Heritage Commission, with their grant work. Tax card information is now available on line 24/7, more information can be found on the Town website. Town offices are officially open 24 hours/week but Michael and Marti can usually be reached throughout the day, Monday through Friday. The office is providing clerical and minutes services to the Planning Board and it is expected that some clerical support services will also be provided to the Police Department in 2015.

We also hope to see new customer and user friendly software in the Town Clerk's office this year.

The revaluation required every five years was completed in 2014. The Town's assessed valuation was reduced by \$22.3 million dollars. That makes the valuation approximately \$3 million less than it was in 2008 excluding phone and electric valuations which have increased about 2 million after a change in state law. These companies have been contesting the new utility valuations and Frankestown is part of a large consortium defending the increased valuations. The most recent information indicates that the Board of Tax and Land Appeals will make a decision this year.

The Town lost 2 veteran workers in the Town Offices, Elaine McClary and Nicholas Wilder, this year. While we miss them, both departments are running smoothly under Pam Finnell and Kimberlee Dalley, respectively. Marti Callahan has replaced Wendy Brien-Baker in the Selectmen's office and Donna Barbalato has joined the library staff. Bill McAuley and Bob Abbott have been appointed to oversee the operations of the Heritage Museum in the Thulander Building. The Town also lost a dedicated volunteer with Maureen Von Rosenvinge's death. Maureen had served as a volunteer on the Heritage Commission since 2010.

In January the Heritage Commission, Architect Michael Petrovick and the Selectmen drafted a preliminary action plan to produce final construction drawings with a tentative completion date of mid-summer. The project budget is estimated at \$800,000-\$900,000. It is hoped that a professional Owner's Representative responsible for managing the project will be on board by early March and that the preliminary floor plan can be finalized by mid-April. Construction will not move forward until all funds have been raised.

In March Betsy Hardwick will retire after 7 years on the Board. Phyllis Naegeli will also retire as public assistance administrator after 7 years. Their knowledge, experience, concern for others and leadership will be greatly missed. Our Town would not function without volunteers like Betsy and Phyllis, our firefighters, land use board, recreation, solid waste, budget advisory, cemetery and conservation commission members, library and trust fund trustees, election officials, treasurer, public administrator, perambulator and clock winders. In our busy lives it is easy to take this massive labor effort for granted. We hope you will find time this year to thank each of these volunteers individually.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Hardwick
Scott Carbee
Abigail Arnold

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

I write to you having just completed my second full year working for the Town. 2014 was a year of transition, change, and progress in the Town Offices and across Town government in Frankestown.

First it is worth noting the major changes that have resulted in new faces in the Town Offices. This summer Town Clerk and Tax Collector Elaine McClary announced she would be retiring and moving out of Frankestown. Thanks to the generosity of a number of residents who helped, the Town hosted a community event to thank Elaine for her over 20 years of service. When Elaine retired in August Pamela Finnell took over as Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Second, our executive assistant for the past two years Wendy Brien-Baker has moved on to greener pastures to a full-time position at McLean Communications. In October we welcomed Marti Callahan as our new administrative assistant. Third, after five years Nicholas Wilder resigned his position as Treasurer and in November Kim Dalley assumed the position. You will still see Nick around town and on the Budget Advisory Committee. I wanted to thank Elaine, Wendy, and Nick for their service and wish good luck to Pam, Marti, and Kim in their new roles!

In the assessing realm, Frankestown underwent a statistical reassessment of property in 2014, where sale properties were analyzed and a new statistical model was applied to all properties. More information on the revaluation is included in the Board of Selectmen's report. In 2014 the Town's property record cards were made available online so they can be accessed in the comfort of your own home.

This year the Town was aggressive and successful in applying for and receiving a number of competitive grants. In August the Town was awarded a \$10,000 Mooseplate Grant, one of only a handful, to help fund the restoration of the faces and hands of the Town Clock performed by D'Avanza Clock Repair. This grant helped to offset the appropriation for this project and covered over half of the cost. Also, as you have likely heard, in December the Town was awarded a \$200,000 LCHIP Grant to assist in financing the restoration of the Town Hall. If fundraising for the remainder of the money goes according to plan we hope to begin work this summer.

We also made progress on a long list of outstanding building projects around Town thanks to funding approved at Town Meeting. The major items that the Town completed or made significant progress on are as follows: furnace replacements for the fire station, repairing wood rot and painting the exterior of the Fire Station, painting and making repairs to the cupola and painting the front of the Town Hall, chimney repairs at the Library, alarm system upgrades and repairs, drainage improvements around the Town Offices and the Library, and replacement granite steps at the Town Offices leading to the rear parking area. We also purchased a new file server for the Town Offices, which will provide better support for our computers and will allow us to acquire software for the Town Clerk's Office. In 2015 we are seeking funding to repair the clapboards and paint the Town Offices, purchase new windows for the Town Offices, and purchase and install an exhaust treatment system for the Fire Station to improve the air our volunteers breathe in the station while they serve the Town.

In October we were again hit with a recommendation by the State Department of Transportation to close one of our Town bridges, Scoby Road Bridge. Fortunately this time, thanks to foreshadowing by the State and the recommendation of Road Agent Gary Paige, the Board of Selectmen put forward a warrant article at Town Meeting to appropriate money to replace this bridge using Town funds only and it was approved by the voters. As such, a situation that could have been another major issue only resulted in a closure for a short time before construction was scheduled to begin. In addition, as planned we replaced the bridge on the 2nd NH Turnpike South through the State Bridge Aid Program, which came in under budget. Those excess funds will be used to cover increased budgets for the bridge projects in 2015 on Woodward Hill Road and Juniper Hill Road.

As always, should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Branley
Town Administrator

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER



Roberts & Greene, PLLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Franconia
Franconia, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Franconia, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Franconia, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 23 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational and economic context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Town of Frankestown has not presented a management's discussion and analysis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined that the management's discussion and analysis is necessary to supplement, but is not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Frankestown's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor and individual general fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. They are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

March 17, 2014

Roberts & Allen, LLC

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	2014 Appropriation	2014 Expended	2014 Unexpended	2014 Overdraft
Executive	88,475.00	89,626.68		1,151.68
Election Registration & Vital	44,000.00	40,845.63	3,154.37	
Financial Administration	26,475.00	24,609.46	1,865.54	
Treasurer	14,000.00	13,428.86	571.14	
Revaluations	10,350.00	9,886.94	463.06	
Legal Expenses	43,500.00	24,938.29	18,561.71	
Personnel Administration	173,250.00	168,247.97	5,002.03	
Planning and Zoning	5,500.00	2,735.31	2,764.69	
Heritage Commission	1,000.00	610.48	389.52	
General Government Buildings	70,500.00	67,391.08	3,108.92	
Cemeteries	13,000.00	11,596.62	1,403.38	
Insurance	28,545.00	28,545.00		
Regional Association	2,400.00	2,375.57	24.43	
Police	145,800.00	138,928.22	6,871.78	
Ambulance	13,500.00	13,435.92	64.08	
Fire Department	57,650.00	57,278.66	371.34	
Building Inspector	4,700.00	5,134.21		434.21
Emergency Management	500.00	183.89	316.11	
Highways and Streets	422,000.00	399,220.97	22,779.03	
Reseal/Patch	75,000.00	74,581.49	418.51	
Bridges	8,500.00	6,397.37	2,102.63	
Street Lighting	3,400.00	3,435.78		35.78
Solid Waste	108,050.00	110,723.11		2,673.11
Landfill Test & Maintenance	2,500.00	1,482.07	1,017.93	
Health	8,270.00	8,190.00	80.00	
Welfare	26,200.00	6,149.44	20,050.56	
Park and Recreation	32,100.00	29,374.91	2,725.09	
Library	73,855.00	73,201.52	653.48	
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	988.78	11.22	
Conservation	1,320.00	537.28	782.72	
Debt Service	87,330.00	85,921.83	1,408.17	

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR 2014

4130-00 - EXECUTIVE

4130-01 · Executive Payroll	75,375.22
4130-02 · Postage	834.16
4130-06 · Office Supplies	872.55
4130-07 · Professional Development	789.33
4130-08 · Publications	0.00
4130-10 · Travel Reimbursement	679.45
4130-11 · Advertising	215.25
4130-18 · Town Reports	2,801.96
4130-20 · Town Website	1,875.00
4130-30 · Petty Cash Shortage/overage	0.03
4130-90 · Miscellaneous	3,182.15
4130-96 · Document Management	48.97
4130-97 · Financial Software Support	470.45
4130-98 · Avitar Support	2,482.19
TOTAL EXECUTIVE	89,626.71

4140-00 – ELECTION REGISTRATION & VITAL

4140-01 · Election/Town Clerk Payroll	36,385.29
4140-02 · Postage	697.00
4140-06 · Office Supplies	530.18
4140-07 · Professional Development	130.00
4140-08 · Publications	133.95
4140-09 · MA Supplies	0.00
4140-10 · Travel Reimbursement	1,345.88
4140-11 · Advertising	297.75
4140-92 · Dog Tags and Supplies	120.64
4140-96 · Election Expenses	1,099.82
4140-97 · Renewal Letters From State	105.12
TOTAL ELECTION REGISTRATION & VITAL	40,845.63

4150-00 – FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

4150-01 · Financial Payroll	18,011.09
4150-02 · Postage	2,183.00
4150-06 · Office Supplies	397.45
4150-07 · Professional Development	300.00
4150-10 · Travel Reimbursement	669.50
4150-12 · Recording Fees	1,000.08
4150-98 · Tax Vendor Contract/Supplies	2,048.34
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	24,609.46

4151-00 – TREASURER

4151-01 · Treasurer Payroll	1,500.00
4151-02 · Postage	339.85
4151-03 · Office Supplies	36.53
4151-10 · Travel Reimbursement	314.50
4151-13 · Bank Fee Charges	0.00
4151-16 · Professional Audit	10,680.00
4151-17 · Checks	557.98

4151-90 · Miscellaneous	0.00
TOTAL TREASURER	13,428.86
4152-00 – REVALUATIONS	
4152-02 · Postage	490.00
4152-12 · Recording Fees	102.94
4152-14 · Appraisal Updates	6,944.00
4152-15 · Tax Map Updates	2,350.00
TOTAL REVALUATIONS	9,886.94
4153-00 – LEGAL EXPENSES	
4153-19 · Utility Value Defense	9,600.04
4153-20 · Legal/Defense/Claims	15,338.25
TOTAL LEGAL EXPENSES	24,938.29
4155-00 – PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	
4155-14 · Medicare	7,711.52
4155-15 · Medical Insurance	62,781.04
4155-16 · Social Security	29,561.02
4155-17 · Unemployment Insurance	3,320.00
4155-18 · Workman's Compensation	11,412.00
4155-20 · Employer Share Retirement	35,466.97
4155-21 · Short Term Disability	918.00
4155-22 · Health Stipend	15,857.92
4155-23 · Employee Retention	1,219.50
4155-98 · Miscellaneous	0.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	168,247.97
4191-00 – PLANNING AND ZONING	
4191-01 · Planning & Zoning Payroll	1,406.41
4191-02 · Postage	43.93
4191-05 · Printing	0.00
4191-06 · Office Supplies	16.94
4191-07 · Professional Development	0.00
4191-08 · Publications	387.30
4191-11 · Advertising	829.75
4191-12 · Recording Fee	50.98
4191-14 · Professional Plan	0.00
4191-16 · Completeness Review	0.00
TOTAL PLANNING AND ZONING	2,735.31
4193-00 – HERITAGE COMMISSION	
4193-02 · Postage	197.41
4193-05 · Printing	120.75
4193-08 · Bank Fees	0.00
4193-10 · Travel Reimbursement	0.00
4193-31 · Regional Dues	0.00
4193-90 · Miscellaneous	172.70
4193-95 · Grant Related	119.62
TOTAL HERITAGE COMMISSION	610.48

4194-00 – GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING

4194-01 · Gen Bldg Payroll	5,673.36
4194-03 · IT Contract	8,627.50
4194-04 · Computers & IT Equipment	4,062.00
4194-20 · Internet	1,323.96
4194-21 · Electricity	2,972.39
4194-22 · Telephone	1,981.14
4194-23 · Heating Fuel	5,046.83
4194-24 · Water	1,950.90
4194-25 · Building Repair/Service	16,532.94
4194-26 · Facility Painting	0.00
4194-27 · Building Alarm Service	3,452.00
4194-28 · Building Furnishings	877.51
4194-29 · Town Clock	0.00
4194-30 · Grounds Keeping	6,853.69
4194-31 · Copier Contracts/Supplies	3,745.41
4194-32 · Septic Service	207.50
4194-34 · Heating Systems Service	2,764.70
4194-35 · Supplies	988.68
4194-36 · Thulander Building Expenses	330.57
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING	67,391.08

4195-00 – CEMETERIES

4195-07 · Professional Development	120.00
4195-09 · Supplies	0.00
4195-21 · Electricity	182.14
4195-35 · Grounds Keeping	10,865.04
4195-36 · Cemetery Repairs #2	329.44
4195-37 · Landscaping Maintenance	100.00
4195-90 · Miscellaneous	0.00
TOTAL CEMETERIES	11,596.62

4196-00 – INSURANCE

4196-16 · Property & Liability	28,545.00
TOTAL INSURANCE	28,545.00

4197-00 REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

4197-29 · Regional Planning Commission	986.58
4197-30 · NHMA	1,388.99
TOTAL REGIONAL ASSOCIATION	2,375.57

4210-00 - POLICE

4210-01 · Police Payroll	97,229.89
4210-02 · Postage	182.00
4210-03 · Computer Related Expense	300.00
4210-06 · Office Supplies	485.84
4210-07 · Professional Development	0.00
4210-08 · Publication	180.00
4210-09 · Office Equipment	43.98
4210-11 · Advertising	0.00
4210-19 · School Program	89.97
4210-20 · Internet	899.30

4210-21 · Electricity	1,203.14
4210-22 · Telephone	2,358.48
4210-23 · Heating Fuel	3,313.43
4210-37 · Weapon/Pistol/Rifle & Lock	244.24
4210-38 · Ammunition	913.72
4210-39 · Animal Care	196.75
4210-41 · Professional Prosecutor	6,630.00
4210-42 · Dispatch Service	13,188.00
4210-45 · Medical Supplies	0.00
4210-47 · Uniforms	1,034.32
4210-49 · Radio Repairs	240.00
4210-50 · Gasoline	6,752.54
4210-52 · Repairs Cruiser	2,802.62
4210-87 · Radio Equipment	640.00
4210-90 · Miscellaneous	0.00
TOTAL POLICE	138,928.22

4215-00 AMBULANCE

4215-20 · Contracted Services	13,435.92
TOTAL AMBULANCE	13,435.92

4220-00 – FIRE DEPARTMENT

4220-01 · Fire Dept. Payroll	1,700.00
4220-02 · Postage	95.30
4220-07 · Administrative Expenses	78.00
4220-20 · Internet	483.42
4220-21 · Electricity	2,484.27
4220-22 · Telephone	486.85
4220-23 · Heating Fuel	2,679.36
4220-25 · Building Repairs/Service/Ground	519.83
4220-26 · Propane	0.00
4220-41 · Professional Development	2,714.70
4220-42 · Dispatch Service	19,131.42
4220-43 · Fire Equipment	1,454.39
4220-44 · Association Dues	753.95
4220-45 · Medical Supplies & Equipment	1,403.33
4220-47 · Protective Clothing	7,264.65
4220-48 · Forest Fires	1,996.61
4220-49 · Radio Repairs	1,953.40
4220-50 · Gasoline	484.30
4220-51 · Diesel	1,914.73
4220-52 · Repairs Fire Apparatus & Equip	7,531.27
4220-53 · Pump Maintenance	0.00
4220-54 · SCBA'S Repair & Service	1,254.45
4220-90 · Miscellaneous	0.00
4220-91 · Dry Hydrant Repair/Installation	0.00
4220-94 · Office Supplies	894.43
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	57,278.66

4240-00 – BUILDING INSPECTOR

4240-01 · Building Inspector Payroll	4,498.00
4240-06 · Office Supplies and Code Books	0.00
4240-07 · Professional Development	20.00
4240-10 · Travel Reimbursement	256.21
4240-22 · Telephone	360.00
4240-90 · Consultant / Misc	0.00
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	5,134.21

4290-00 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

4290-01 · Mobile Generator	183.89
4290-07 · Professional Development	0.00
4290-90 · Miscellaneous	0.00
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	183.89

4312-00 – HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312-01 · Highway Payroll	191,831.53
4312-06 · Office Supplies	109.25
4312-07 · Professional Development	300.00
4312-11 · Advertising	82.00
4312-20 · Internet	483.43
4312-21 · Electricity	3,380.48
4312-22 · Telephone	822.58
4312-26 · Propane	9,509.91
4312-30 · Building Maintenance & Repairs	1,450.37
4312-31 · Dues	0.00
4312-35 · Supplies & Lubricants	4,821.16
4312-40 · Medical & Drug Testing	911.52
4312-47 · Protective Clothing	2,952.85
4312-49 · Radio Repair & Maintenance	542.80
4312-50 · Gasoline/Additives	7,702.87
4312-51 · Diesel/Additives	30,660.51
4312-52 · Truck Repairs	5,351.13
4312-53 · Truck Parts	9,622.74
4312-54 · Heavy Equipment Repairs	2,021.25
4312-55 · Heavy Equipment Parts	5,857.33
4312-56 · Tires	4,697.44
4312-58 · Welding & Tools	1,316.40
4312-60 · Road Salt/Salt Additive	44,002.28
4312-61 · Sand-Winter	15,000.00
4312-63 · Gravel/Processing	21,000.00
4312-64 · Culvert/Grates/Maintenance	11,415.74
4312-65 · Mowing	4,000.00
4312-68 · Equipment Rental	5,658.50
4312-69 · Street & Traffic Signs	438.50
4312-71 · Calcium Chloride-Summer	5,950.00
4312-72 · MV Registration / Inspections	304.00
4312-73 · Road Fabric & Seeds/Hay	0.00
4312-87 · Cutting edges	2,839.05
4312-88 · Chains	1,525.00
4312-89 · Tree Cutting	500.00

4312-90 · Miscellaneous	0.00
4312-94 · Small Equipment Purch. & Repair	54.00
4312-96 · Engineering	455.00
4312-97 · Plow & Sander Repairs	1,651.35
TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	399,220.97

4314-00 RESEAL/PATCH

4314-67 · Asphalt	74,581.49
TOTAL RESEAL/PATCH	74,581.49

4316-00 BRIDGES

4316-30 · Maintenance / Repairs	4,927.37
4316-31 · 2013 Temporary Bridge	1,470.00
TOTAL BRIDGES	6,397.37

4317-00 STREET LIGHTING

4317-21 · Utility Charge	3,435.78
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	3,435.78

4324-00 – SOLID WASTE

4324-01 · Solid Waste Payroll	38,375.69
4324-02 · Postage	409.16
4324-05 · Printing	485.15
4324-07 · Professional Development	150.00
4324-10 · Travel Reimbursement	122.64
4324-21 · Electricity	859.87
4324-22 · Telephone	400.25
4324-25 · Building Repairs	0.00
4324-26 · Propane	105.90
4324-35 · Supplies	1,526.22
4324-44 · Dues	78.10
4324-47 · Protective Clothing	73.81
4324-73 · Toilet Rental	1,161.20
4324-74 · Equipment Rental	5,496.25
4324-75 · Municipal Solid Waste Disposal	36,881.54
4324-76 · Tire Recycling	498.25
4324-79 · Construction / Demolition Disp.	8,045.62
4324-81 · Glass Recycling	3,060.96
4324-83 · Newsprint Recycling	9,000.00
4324-84 · Comingled Recycling	801.24
4324-85 · Aluminum Recycling	823.00
4324-88 · Electronic Waste	989.76
4324-89 · Equipment Maintenance	628.50
4324-90 · Miscellaneous	750.00
TOTAL SOLID WASTE	110,723.11

4325-00 LANDFILL TEST & MAINTENANCE

4325-79 · Payment to Bennington	1,482.07
TOTAL LANDFILL TEST & MAINTENANCE	1,482.07

4415-00 – HEALTH

4415-02 · Health Officer Prof. Develop.	0.00
4415-19 · Family Service	1,953.00
4415-20 · Home Health Care	1,212.00
4415-21 · Red Cross	250.00
4415-22 · Project Lift	200.00
4415-24 · Meals on Wheels	75.00
4415-25 · Grapevine	4,000.00
4415-26 · Contoocook Transportation	500.00
TOTAL HEALTH	8,190.00

4441-00 – WELFARE

4441-01 · Welfare Payroll	1,090.00
4441-08 · Publications	0.00
4441-19 · Welfare Eligibility Payments	5,059.44
4441-90 · Miscellaneous	0.00
TOTAL WELFARE	6,149.44

4520-00 – PARK AND RECREATION

4520-01 · Recreation Payroll	14,672.00
4520-02 · Postage	58.00
4520-21 · Electricity	360.66
4520-22 · Telephone	413.09
4520-24 · Water	408.80
4520-75 · Supplies	79.83
4520-76 · Rental/Toilet	1,529.25
4520-77 · Field Maintenance	1,900.97
4520-78 · Landscaping	3,140.00
4520-79 · Beach Lease	2,400.00
4520-80 · Little League/Baseball	2,440.11
4520-81 · Equipment	0.00
4520-83 · Fishing Derby	940.00
4520-86 · Programs	812.20
4520-90 · Miscellaneous	220.00
TOTAL PARK AND RECREATION	29,374.91

4550-00 – LIBRARY

4550-01 · Library Payroll	43,505.41
4550-02 · Postage	165.19
4550-06 · Office Supplies	542.68
4550-07 · Professional Development	137.00
4550-08 · Publications	1,014.58
4550-10 · Travel Reimbursement	32.48
4550-18 · Library Books	10,855.10
4550-21 · Electricity	5,994.54
4550-22 · Telephone	1,740.49
4550-24 · Water	382.50
4550-25 · Building Repairs	2,238.77
4550-26 · Service Contracts	3,200.00
4550-34 · Equipment/Repairs	979.00
4550-91 · Reading Programs	1,988.78

4550-95 · Collection	425.00
TOTAL LIBRARY	73,201.52
4583-00 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	
4583-01 · Memorial Day	228.74
4583-02 · Veterans' Day	398.87
4583-90 · Miscellaneous	361.17
TOTAL PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	988.78
4612-00 – CONSERVATION	
4612-02 · Postage	12.46
4612-05 · Printing	0.00
4612-06 · Office Supplies	0.00
4612-07 · Professional Development	60.00
4612-11 · Advertising	82.00
4612-16 · Professional Service/Legal	0.00
4612-44 · Association Dues	220.00
4612-88 · Education & Outreach	162.82
4612-90 · Miscellaneous	0.00
TOTAL CONSERVATION	537.28
4710-00 DEBT SERVICE	
4711-00 · Prin.-Long Term bonds & Notes	50,000.00
4721-00 · Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	30,327.50
4723-00 · Interest on TAN	0.00
4725-00 · GAN Interest & Expenses	5,594.33
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	85,921.83
4800-00 NON-CAPITAL WARRANT ARTICLES	
Pleasant Pd -Milfoil Prevention	2,500.00
Revaluation	21,996.00
Scoby Pd -Milfoil Treatment	16,422.00
TOTAL NON-CAPITAL WARRANT ARTICLES	40,918.00
4900-00 CAPITAL OUTLAYS	
4902-00 · Machinery & Equipment	93,591.33
4904-00 · Roads & Bridges	1,005,253.60
4905-00 · Buildings & Repairs	91,588.33
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAYS	1,190,433.26
4910-00 INTERFUND TRANSFER	
4915-00 · Transfers to Capital Reserves	477,200.00
4916-00 · Transfers to Expendable Funds	12,200.00
TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFER	489,400.00

2014 PAYROLL

Abbott, Donald C.	\$1,000.00	Abel, Michael J.	\$956.27
Ammon, Walter D.	\$1,930.50	Anderson, Jr. Thomas P.	\$677.50
Arnold, Abigail	\$1,550.00	Ayers, Heather S.	\$6,779.06
Barbalato, Donna M.	\$1,416.80	Behrsing, Ruth	\$306.31
Bell, Stephen P.	\$54,259.96	Branley, Michael T.	\$50,000.08
Brien-Baker, Wendy A.	\$16,708.37	Brock, Carol A.	\$21,947.77
Callahan, Martha	\$4,955.00	Carbee, Barbara J.	\$1,917.50
Carbee, Scott S.	\$1,400.00	Cilley, George C.	\$21,885.09
Dalley, Kimberlee P.	\$250.00	Danforth, Jeffrey W.	\$16,132.59
Farrell, Mary T.	\$17,347.55	Finnell, Pamela A.	\$21,620.68
Foote Miller, Jo-Ann	\$645.00	Gombas, Catherine	\$240.00
Hardwick, Betsy L.	\$1,550.00	Harrington, Monica L.	\$21.75
Hazel, Daryl F.	\$4,674.43	Hunter, Edward J.	\$4,342.00
Kiblin, Warren H.	\$1,732.50	Kullgren, David W.	\$500.00
Kullgren, Lawrence R.	\$1,200.00	Kullgren, Nicole C.	\$54.38
Kunhardt, Henry H.	\$682.50	Kuras, Emma	\$2,340.00
Kuras, Gray C.	\$2,515.50	Lambert, Rebecca A.	\$3,436.06
Lawrence, Paul H.	\$360.00	Long, Patricia L.	\$2,332.66
Martin, Barbara T.	\$305.96	McAuley, William F.	\$52.56
McClary, Elaine T.	\$23,346.18	Miles, Elspeth M.	\$36.25
Miller, Richard O.	\$5,093.99	Morgan, George W.	\$15,413.54
Morgan, Jr., George W.	\$20,036.04	Naegeli, Phyllis A.	\$1,090.00
Nightingale, Jonathan A.	\$2,370.00	Noonan, Donna L.	\$4,000.00
Paige, Gary W.	\$58,764.24	Paige, John E.	\$6,800.36
Paige, Thomas W.	\$2,578.22	Quilty, Janet M.	\$350.00
Roberge, Glenn A.	\$2,800.73	Sims, Donald H.	\$19,411.41
Smith, Leonard L.	\$47,922.63	St. Cyr, Jason C.	\$45,157.31
St. Cyr, Karen A.	\$304.50	St. Cyr, Paul A.	\$56.19
St. Jean, James D.	\$490.00	Taft, Elizabeth H.	\$39.88
Tarr, Jeffrey A.	\$222.92	Watson, Benjamin A.	\$228.38
Wilder, Nicholas F.	\$1,250.00	Wing, Ashlynn M.	\$3,396.00

Total Payroll: \$531,185.10

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS AS VOTED – MS-2*

For Fiscal Year 2014 - Voted on March 15, 2014

Purpose of Appropriation	Appropriation as Voted
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	\$88,475
Elections, Reg. & Vital Statistics	\$44,000
Financial Administration	\$40,475
Revaluation of Property	\$10,350
Legal Expense	\$43,500
Personnel Administration	\$176,750
Planning & Zoning	\$6,500
General Government Buildings	\$70,500
Cemeteries	\$13,000
Insurance	\$28,545
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$2,400
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	\$145,800
Ambulance	\$13,500
Fire	\$57,650
Building Inspection	\$4,700
Emergency Management	\$500
HIGHWAYS & STREETS	
Administration	\$420,500
Highways & Streets	\$8,500
Bridges	\$3,400
Street Lighting	\$75,000
Other	
SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$106,050
Sold Waste Clean-up	\$2,500
HEALTH	
Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	\$8,270
WELFARE	
Administration & Direct Assistance	\$26,200
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Parks & Recreation	\$32,100
Library	\$73,855
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000

CONSERVATION	
Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	\$1,320
Other Conservation	\$19,520
DEBT SERVICE	
Princ. – Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$50,000
Interest – Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$30,329
Int. on Tax Anticipation Note	\$1
Other Debt Service	\$7,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Land	\$110,000
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	\$108,000
Buildings	\$445,000
Improvements Other Than Buildings	\$28,600
OPERATING TRANSFER OUT	
To Capital Reserve Fund	\$477,200
To Exp. Trust Fund-except #4917	\$12,200
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,793,190

* Original signed MS forms available at the Town Office

2014 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN PORTION

Appropriation	2,793,190	
Less: Revenues	1,348,514	
Add: Overlay	63,264	
War Service Credits	42,000	
Net Town Appropriation	1,549,940	
		TOWN RATE
		8.14

SCHOOL PORTION

Due to Regional School District	3,360,830	
Less: Education Grant	(376,333)	
State Education Taxes	(457,922)	
Net School Appropriation	2,526,575	
		LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
		13.25

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) X	2.480	
184,645,939	457,922	
Divided by local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		STATE SCHOOL RATE
186,960,346		2.45

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	233,395	
Less: Shared Revenues		
Approved County Tax Effort	233,395	
		COUNTY RATE
		1.22

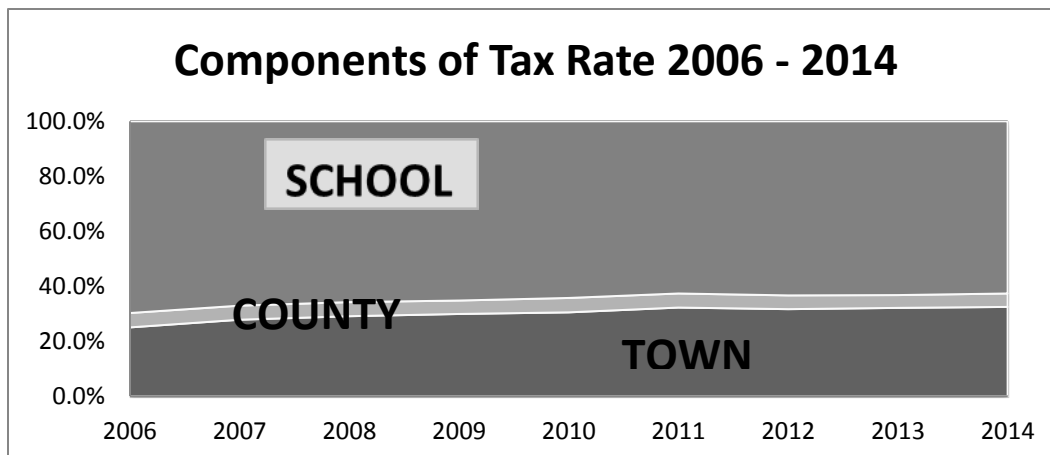
TOTAL COMBINED TAX RATE

COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Total Property Taxes Assessed	4,767,832
Less: War Service Credits	(42,000)
Total Property Tax Commitment	4,725,832

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax: 186,960,346	2.45	457,922
All Other Taxes: 190,613,846	22.61	4,309,910
	25.06	4,767,832



SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATIONS – MS-1*

Value of Land	Number of Acres	2014 Assessed Value
Current Use	12,356.86	\$1,162,942
Conservation Restriction Assessment		
Residential Land	2,987.89	\$58,432,904
Commercial/Industrial Land	686.01	\$2,049,200
Total Taxable Land	16,030.76	\$61,645,046
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	2,649.14	\$6,078,348
Value of Buildings		
Residential		\$118,058,300
Manufactured Housing		\$519,700
Commercial/Industrial		\$6,957,300
Total Taxable Buildings		\$125,535,300
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$7,602,800
Value of Utilities		
Other Utilities		\$3,653,500
Valuation Before Exemptions		\$190,833,846
Elderly Exemptions		\$220,000
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate for Municipal, County & Local Tax is Computed		\$190,613,846
Less Utilities		3,653,500
Net Valuation Without Utilities on Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax is Computed		\$186,960,346

TAX CREDITS/EXEMPTIONS

Tax Credits/Exemptions	Limits/Age	# of Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
Veterans Tax Credits	\$500	84	\$42,000
Credit for Service-Connected Disability	\$700		
Total Veterans Credits		84	\$42,000
Elderly Exemptions	65-74		
	75-79	1	\$60,000
	80+	2	\$160,000
Total Elderly Exemptions		3	\$220,000

CURRENT USE REPORT (RSA 79-A)

	Total # of Acres Receiving C.U.	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	860.15	\$375,864
Forest Land	8,802.61	\$689,488
Forest Land with Doc. Stewardship	1,557.4	\$75,675
Unproductive Land	48.9	\$901
Wet Land	1,087.8	\$21,014
Total	12,356.86	\$1,162,942

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	5,198.11
Removed from Current Use During Tax Year	46.77
Total # of Owners in Current Use	302
Total # of Parcels in Current Use	453

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year (Jan. 1, 2014 thru Dec. 31, 2013)	\$12,180
Monies to Conservation Fund	\$6,090
Monies to General Fund	\$6,090

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT (RSA 79-B)

	Total # of Acres Receiving C.U.	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	0	0
Forest Land	0	0
Forest Land with Doc. Stewardship	0	0
Unproductive Land	0	0
Wet Land	0	0
Total	0	0

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	0
Removed from Current Use During Tax Year	0
Total # of Owners in Current Use	0
Total # of Parcels in Current Use	0

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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 2014

MAP/LOT	LOCATION	ACREAGE	VALUE
Map 1 Lot 2-4	Greenfield Road	5.00	52,800
Map 1 Lot 10	Farrington Road	25.00	53,000
Map 1 Lot 13	Town Forest	61.00	90,500
Map 1 Lot 16-1	Greenfield/Farrington Road	16.73	122,200
Map 2 Lot 20	Town Forest	52.00	37,600
Map 3 Lot 28	Cemetery #3	16.20	258,700
Map 3 Lot 46	Russell Station Road	52.83	111,900
Map 3 Lot 56	Clarkville Road	.20	12,000
Map 3 Lot 91-1	Journeys End Road	10.00	517
Map 4 Lot 3	East Road	1.40	101
Map 4 Lot 4	East Road	181.00	13,057
Map 4 Lot 5	Town Forest	445.24	319,600
Map 4 Lot 6	Town Forest	134.00	184,300
Map 4 Lot 11	East Road	1.10	79
Map 4 Lot 16	East Road	17.90	1,291
Map 4 Lot 17	East Road	3.79	50,600
Map 5 Lot 52	Main Street	1.00	5,200
Map 5 Lot 67	Town Forest	6.00	5,100
Map 5 Lot 68	Transfer Station	11.8 L/B	205,000
Map 6 Lot 25-1	Town Forest	27.91	189,100
Map 7 Lot 2	Town Forest	50.898	3,671
Map 7 Lot 3-1	East Road	141.135 L/B	233,440
Map 7 Lot 6	East Road	115.50 L/B	95,592
Map 7 Lot 6A	Leased to Crotched Mtn. Ski	0.00 F	51,800
Map 8 Lot 46	Tory Pines Road	300.34	191,500
Map 8 Lot 63	Bennington Road	39.00	92,900
Map 8 Lot 71	Old County Road North	2.00	14,000
Map 8 Lot 74	Shattuck Pond Road	250.00	383,600
Map 8 Lot 76	Old County Road North	22.00	86,000
Map 8 Lot 78-1	Old County Road North	1.00	5,200
Map 8 Lot 84	Pleasant Pond Road	64.00	191,300
Map 8 Lot 89-1	Pleasant Pond Road	3.00	500
Map 8 Lot 91	Pleasant Pond Road	7.00	1,200
Map 11 Lot 4	Shattuck Pond Road	90.30	163,100
Map 12 Lot 5	Fire Station & Highway	10.21 L/B	628,300
Map 12 Lot 8	W/S 2 nd NH Turnpike S.	.25	37,100
Map 12 Lot 16	Cemetery #2	1.265	196,700
Map 13 Lot 6	Town Office	1.20 L/B	336,100
Map 13 Lot 20	Library	1.00 L/B	532,300
Map 13 Lot 26	Cemetery #1	1.00	187,200
Map 13 Lot 29	Police Department	.40 L/B	198,500
Map 13 Lot 41	Town Hall and Horse Sheds	1.00 L/B	483,200
Map 13 Lot 42A	Thulander Building	0.00 B	29,200
Map 14 Lot 19	Bixby Mill Pond Dam	2.60	60,100
TOTAL ACRES & VALUES		2,175.20	5,921,819

L/B – land and buildings; F - features

CAPITAL ASSETS OF THE TOWN

As of December 31, 2014

Capital Assets in Francestown are defined as all land, buildings, and real property (itemized on Schedule of Town Property) and other property with a value of \$5,000 or greater and a useful life of three years or more.

Vehicles & Equipment

1983 Chevrolet Forestry	Fire Department
1989 Pierce Saber Pumper M1	Fire Department
1995 Mack Pumper T1	Fire Department
2001 550XL Rescue Van Ford	Fire Department
2006 Customer Pumper KME	Fire Department
2011 International Fire Truck	Fire Department
20k Portable Trailer Generator	Emergency Management
Kabota OHRV	Police & Fire Department
2011 Chevrolet Tahoe Cruiser	Police Department
2013 Ford Explorer Cruiser	Police Department
2007 Aluminum Container	Transfer Station
2006 7400 International Truck	Highway Department
2007 M2 106V Freightliner Truck	Highway Department
2007 Mack Dump Truck	Highway Department
2010 Mack Dump Truck	Highway Department
2001 John Deere 554H Loader	Highway Department
2006 Kubota 2350 Tractor	Highway Department
2013 John Deere Road Grader	Highway Department
2014 F550 Ford Truck	Highway Department

Other

2014 File Server	Town Office
2 Noyes Paintings	Library
Abbot and Downing Concord Coach	Heritage Museum
Historic Four wheeled hay wagon	Heritage Museum
Winter Hearse	Heritage Museum
Hunneman Hand Tub	Heritage Museum
Wheeled Hearse	Heritage Museum

The primary source for this list is the Town's summary of exposures maintained by Primex. It represents the Town's best effort to itemize all major capital assets for the informational benefit of Francestown taxpayers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Year Ending December 31, 2014

This Report is Unaudited and is subject to Audit adjustments for Fiscal 2014

Balance in the Treasury Account December 31, 2013	\$2,108,340.65
Cash Receipts From:	
Tax Collector Cash Collections	\$5,140,771.21
Town Clerk Revenue	\$267,344.08
Selectmen Receipts	\$1,237,459.83
Interest/Other Bank Credits	\$1,364.14
Total Recipes	\$6,646,939.26
Outflows:	
Expenditures	\$6,675,741.80
Bank Charges	\$374.22
Total Outflows	\$6,676,116.02
2014 Net Cash Flow	-\$29,176.76

Calculated Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$2,079,163.89
Book Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$2,079,163.89
Bank Balance December 31, 2014	\$1,752,648.64

Balance in the Conservation Commission Account as of December 31, 2013	\$39,527.69
Revenue	
Grant Income	\$4,999.00
Donations	\$100.00
Misc	\$267.87
Fees	\$400.00
Total Revenue	\$5,775.87
Expenses	
Land Protection	\$28,447.00
Forest Management	\$1,163.95
Misc	\$702.68
Total Expenses	\$30,313.63
2014 Net Cash Flow	-\$24,537.76

Calculated Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$14,989.93
Book Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$14,989.93
Bank Balance December 31, 2014	\$14,989.93

Balance in the Heritage Commission Account as of December 31, 2013	\$26,963.11
Revenue	
Donations – Designated	\$25,967.95
Donations - Undesignated	\$2,746.47
Grants	\$3,000.00
Interest	\$45.66
Total Revenue	\$31,760.08
Expenses	
Fundraising Expense	\$2,424.09
Total Expense	\$2,424.09
2014 Net Cash Flow	\$29,335.99

Calculated Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$56,299.10
Book Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$56,299.10
Bank Balance December 31, 2014	\$50,574.10

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – MS-61*

For the Municipality of Francetown, Year Ending December 31, 2014

DEBITS		2014	2013
UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR			
Property Taxes	#3110	XXX	\$376,960.54
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXX	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	XXX	\$260.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXX	\$1,454.51
Excavation Tax	#3187	XXX	\$0.00
Other Taxes	#3189	XXX	\$0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$469.86)	\$0.00
TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR			
Property Taxes	#3110	\$4,734,305.00	\$0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$9,699.58	\$0.00
Excavation Tax	#3187	\$60.58	\$0.00
Other Taxes	#3189	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS			
Property Taxes		\$468.15	\$0.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	#3190	\$3,481.72	\$19,885.89
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$4,747,545.17	\$398,560.94

CREDITS		2014	2013
REMITTED TO TREASURER			
Property Taxes		\$4,408,710.28	\$223,627.47
Resident Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes		\$9,699.58	\$1,451.51
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)		\$3,456.72	\$17,954.89
Penalties		\$25.00	\$1,931.00
Excavation Tax		\$60.58	\$0.00
Other Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00
Conversion To Lien (Principal only)		\$0.00	\$152,250.07
ABATEMENTS MADE			
Property Taxes		\$735.00	\$1,343.00
Resident Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax		\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED			
Current Levy Deeded		\$1,959.00	\$0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES – END OF YEAR		
Property Taxes	\$323,666.17	\$0.00
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$767.16)	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$4,747,545.17	\$398,560.94

LIENS

DEBITS	2013	2012	2011+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of Year	\$0.00	\$103,921.26	\$34,278.45
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$162,888.09	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	\$3,300.06	\$10,904.39	\$10,287.71
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$166,188.15	\$114,825.65	\$44,566.16
CREDITS-REMITTED TO TREASURER			
Redemptions	\$55,222.81	\$36,053.01	\$30,426.15
Interest & Costs Collected	\$3,300.06	\$10,904.39	\$10,287.71
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$5,443.34	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$4,212.93	\$3,998.48	\$3,852.30
Unredeemed Liens End of Year	\$98,009.01	\$63,869.77	\$0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	\$166,188.15	\$114,825.65	\$44,566.16

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Finnell
Tax Collector

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UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAX

2014 Uncollected – First & Second Bills

1 CENTRAL SQUARE REALTY, INC.	\$4,227.00	
ABBOTT, DONALD C	\$1,795.00	**
AKL VENTURES INC.	\$2,622.00	*
AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION	\$10.78	
AT&T MOBILITY	\$2,879.51	
AYERS, HEATHER S	\$990.00	
BAKER, GARRY	\$110.95	
BARRY, DONNA	\$764.00	
BELL, CHRISTINE R	\$4,232.00	
BLANCHETTE, DAVE J	\$4,341.00	*
BOWER, TIMOTHY C	\$3,116.00	*
BOWES, ROBERT J	\$94.00	
BROADHEAD, BARRY	\$140.00	
BUCKLEY TRUST, ANDREE W	\$36.78	
CASKIE (ET-AL), BARBARA	\$258.00	
CHAMBERS ET AL, JOHN E	\$11,563.00	
CHANDLER, JAMES K	\$3,294.00	*
CHIPMAN, ROGER	\$765.67	*
CHUN PING WANG	\$7,526.00	
CILLEY, JR, GEORGE C	\$3,657.00	
CONNARD, DAVID MCK	\$5.00	*
COPE, GREGORY T	\$4,629.00	
COURTRIGHT, DAVID	\$687.76	*
COYLE, JON	\$3,926.00	
CROTCHED MOUNTAIN GOLF CLUB	\$40,892.00	
DANIELS, TRAVIS W	\$39.00	
DOYNE, DERMOT	\$1,331.00	*
DUMAIS, DOUGLAS T	\$3,719.00	
EISENBERG, ALFRED J	\$34.52	*
ELLIS, PAUL V	\$8,020.00	
EVANSON, DONALD	\$2,419.00	
EVERETT FARM, LLC	\$1,195.17	
FLETCHER, SUSAN C	\$1.00	
FOGG, SHERWOOD A	\$3,090.50	
FOOTE, RICHARD A	\$1,517.00	
FROST, JENNIFER B	\$3,911.00	
GELINAS, ARTHUR	\$6,591.00	
GIRARD, CAROL	\$3,108.00	
GRAESSER, PAMELA L	\$6,551.00	*
GRENIER, ERIC T	\$26.00	*
HALL REVOCABLE TRUST OF 1988	\$6,174.05	
HARDWICK III, CARL HENRY	\$754.00	
HARDWICK, CARL H JR.	\$5,526.00	*
HARDWICK, JOHN RICHARD	\$4,165.00	
HAWKINS FAMILY TRUST	\$1,087.00	
HIGASHIKAWA, KIRSTEN L	\$1,595.00	*
KIBLIN, WARREN	\$2,012.00	
KNIGHT, PAUL BAKER	\$5,159.00	
KULLGREN JOAN R	\$751.31	*

LOCONTI, JOSEPH	\$60.00
MACDONALD, THOMSON STONE	\$2,500.00
MACKAY, JOHN D	\$23.00 *
MACKEIGAN, EDWARD	\$951.24 *
MAGNUS, MARGARET HOPE	\$1,223.00
MAYBEE, HARRY THOMAS	\$839.00 *
MILLER, JR, REED C	\$3,883.46 **
MILLER, RICHARD & STEVEN	\$6,772.00
MILLER, RICHARD O	\$7,139.00
MILLER, RICHARD O, ET AL	\$2,766.00
MORITZ, RAYMOND A	\$1,724.00
NOTEMYER, BRADFORD L	\$4,409.99
OCONNOR, KEVIN	\$537.00
ODONNELL, KENNETH R	\$6,544.00 **
PAIGE, JOHN E	\$4,365.63
PAYNE, LISA ANN	\$5,541.00
PERREAULT, PAUL A	\$5,048.58
PERRY III, JOHN	\$19,775.00
PETERSON REVOCABLE TRUST	\$1,250.00
PETTEE FAMILY TRUST OF 2013	\$276.00 **
PHILBRICK III, CLAYTON O	\$2,303.00
RAV REALTY TRUST	\$3,274.83
RHIND, PHILLIP JOHN	\$1,261.00 **
RILEY, WILLIAM	\$7,342.00
SCOBY ROAD REALTY NOMINEE TRST	\$36.00
SEARS, DAVID	\$2,248.00
SIPE, DONALD R	\$5,300.00 *
SLAMIN, GARY J	\$1,719.00
SOSNICK, NICOLETTE	\$2,650.00
STONE, MICHAEL	\$12,676.00
TAMOK, ALEXANDER R	\$2,795.00 *
TAYLOR, TIMOTHY B	\$11.00 *
TDS/MERRIMCK COUNTY TELEPHONE	\$17.64 *
THOMPSON, WALTER	\$5,570.00
THOMSON, ROGER J	\$21.27 *
TOBBE, GABRIEL	\$1,597.00
TOLMAN, PRESCOTT G	\$149.00 *
WILLIAMS, AARON	\$2,937.00
WILSON-BOWES, BONNIE	\$1,898.00
WOHLE, WILLIAM R	\$11,887.00
WOZMAK, DAVID	\$1,484.00
WRIGHT, JUDITH C	\$4,607.00 *
YOUNG JOINT REV TRUST	\$4,915.53
TOTAL	\$323,666.17

UNCOLLECTED TIMBER/YIELD & CURRENT USE TAX
as of December 31, 2014

None in 2014

UNREDEEMED TAXES

as of December 31, 2014

2012 PROPERTY TAX LIEN

1 CENTRAL SQUARE REALTY, INC.	\$168.88	*
EVERETT FARM, LLC	\$9,963.25	
FROST, JENNIFER B	\$3,784.40	
HARDWICK, CARL H JR.	\$5,557.98	*
MILLER, RICHARD & STEVEN	\$7,583.97	
MILLER, RICHARD O	\$3,098.37	
MILLER, RICHARD O	\$5,009.37	
PERRY III, JOHN	\$10,042.77	*
SOSNICK, NICOLETTE	\$3,043.04	
STONE, MICHAEL	\$12,246.40	
WOZMAK, DAVID	\$1,793.52	
WRIGHT, JUDITH C	\$1,577.82	*
TOTAL	\$63,869.77	

2013 PROPERTY TAX LIEN

1 CENTRAL SQUARE REALTY, INC.	\$4,237.26	**
AKL VENTURES INC.	\$1,414.75	*
DERR, MONICA R	\$325.07	*
EVERETT FARM, LLC	\$1,862.51	
FROST, JENNIFER B	\$4,384.53	
HARDWICK, CARL H JR.	\$5,871.26	*
KIBLIN, WARREN	\$1,412.07	
MACKAY, JOHN D	\$43.75	*
MILLER, RICHARD O	\$8,548.32	
MILLER, RICHARD & STEVEN	\$8,402.38	
ODONNELL, KENNETH R	\$3,635.09	*
PERRY III, JOHN	\$20,135.30	
RILEY, WILLIAM	\$4,757.89	
SLAMIN, GARY J	\$1,703.01	**
SOSNICK, NICOLETTE	\$2,970.16	
STONE, MICHAEL	\$12,910.17	
THOMPSON, WALTER	\$6,396.40	**
WILLIAMS, AARON	\$2,018.28	
WOZMAK, DAVID	\$1,875.68	
WRIGHT, JUDITH C	\$5,105.11	*
TOTAL	\$98,008.99	

* PAID IN FULL AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2014

** PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Finnell
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

2014

TYPE	AMOUNT
Automobile Permits (2,376 vehicles)	\$265,881.16
MA Supply Fees	\$1,168.50
Dog Licenses/State Portion (506 dogs)	\$996.00
Dog Licenses/Town Portion	\$1,372.00
Dog Mail Fee	\$21.00
Dog License Late Fees	\$423.00
Marriage Licenses/Fee Paid to State	\$304.00
Copies of Vital Statistics/State Portion	\$227.00
Voter Checklist	\$225.00
Rebates to Town Clerk	\$11,128.00
Misc. Town Fees/Registry	\$0.50
Return Check Fees	\$25.00
Town Mail Fee	\$455.00
TOTAL	\$282,226.16

**A reminder that all dogs over 3months old should be licensed by April 30th of each year. There is a \$25.00 civil forfeiture fee if your dog is not licensed by June 1st, RSA 466:13.

NOTE: Please be sure to bring current rabies certificate with you when licensing your dog.

Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Finnell
Town Clerk

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2014

ASSETS

Cash and Investments	\$2,091,616.08
Taxes Receivable, net	\$322,899.01
Tax Liens Receivable, net	\$161,878.78
Other Receivables	\$7,603.00
Due from Other Governments	\$1,402,691.18
Due from Other Funds	\$249,966.92
Tax Deeded Property	\$5,167.45
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,241,822.42

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$61,310.62
Due to Other Governments	\$329.00
Due to ConVal School District	\$1,475,702.00
Due to Other Funds	\$3,880.00
Deferred Revenue	\$377,499.00
Other Liabilities	\$4,015.00
TOAL LIABILITIES	\$1,922,735.62
Encumbered Fund Balance	\$11,877.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	\$5,167.45
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$609,345.15
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$626,389.60
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$2,549,125.22

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

on December 31, 2014

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL					INCOME				Total Trust Fund End of Year
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses)	(Withdrawn) or (Expended)	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Interest Income	(Expended) or Reimbursed	Balance End of Year	
NON-EXPENDABLE PRIVATE TRUSTS:											
TOTAL PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERY FUNDS		\$29,357.13	\$ -	\$170.80	\$ -	\$29,527.93	\$3,777.23	\$685.70	\$ (500.00)	\$3,962.93	\$33,490.86
1968	ABBIE A DODGE CEMETERY FUND	9,281.69		54.00		9,335.69	716.63	206.91	-	923.54	10,259.23
1852	LEVI WOODBURY EDUCATION FUND	1,297.91		7.55		1,305.46	4,536.18	120.73	-	4,656.91	5,962.38
1899	GEORGE H. BIXBY LIBRARY FUND	1,210.38		7.04		1,217.42	8.25	25.22	(8.25)	5.22	1,242.64
1943	ALLISON BIXBY HILL LIBRARY FUND	1,772.10		10.31		1,782.41	12.09	36.92	(12.09)	36.92	1,819.34
1974	CHARLES & MARION VOSE LIBRARY FUND	1,769.49		10.29		1,779.79	12.06	36.87	(12.05)	36.88	1,816.67
TOTAL NON-EXPENDABLE PRIVATE TRUSTS		\$44,688.70	\$ -	\$260.00	\$ -	\$44,948.70	\$9,062.44	\$1,112.36	\$ (532.39)	\$9,642.41	\$54,591.11
EXPENDABLE PRIVATE TRUSTS:											
2009	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND	\$,502.02	\$650.00	\$ -	\$(248.21)	\$1,903.81	\$1.79	\$1.85	\$(1.79)	\$1.85	\$1,905.66
2011	RECREATION FUND	9,696.52	100.00	-	-	9,796.52	24.95	11.98	-	36.92	9,833.44
2011	MISS EVELYN VADNEY CEMETERY FUND	26.15	-	-	-	26.15	0.07	0.03	-	0.10	26.25
2014	THULANDER MUSEUM FUND	-	4,900.00	-	(563.57)	4,336.43	-	-	-	-	4,336.43
TOTAL EXPENDABLE PRIVATE TRUSTS		\$11,224.69	\$5,650.00	\$ -	\$(811.78)	\$16,062.91	\$26.80	\$13.86	\$(1.79)	\$38.87	\$16,101.78
EXPENDABLE PUBLIC TRUSTS:											
2004	GENERAL CEMETERY MTC TRUST	\$14,350.74	\$2,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$16,550.74	\$14.10	\$23.58	\$ -	\$37.68	\$16,588.42
2014	MASTER PLAN UPDATE FUND	-	10,000.00	\$ -	\$(910.73)	9,089.27	-	-	-	-	9,089.27
TOTAL EXPENDABLE PUBLIC TRUSTS		\$14,350.74	\$12,200.00	\$ -	\$(910.73)	\$25,640.01	\$14.10	\$23.58	\$ -	\$37.68	\$25,677.69
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:											
1955	REPLACEMENT OF FIRE TRUCKS	\$88,381.34	\$50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$138,381.34	2,369.82	352.30	\$ -	\$2,722.12	\$141,103.46
1960	PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY EQUIP.	17,192.86	60,000.00	-	(57,580.40)	19,612.46	722.79	69.55	(722.79)	69.54	19,682.01
1983	IMPROVE NEW CEMETERY LANDS	32,043.83	2,200.00	-	-	34,243.83	1,993.18	132.13	-	2,125.32	36,369.15
1968	REPLACE / PURCHASE FIRE EQUIP.	16,965.81	5,000.00	-	-	21,965.81	83.88	66.19	-	150.07	22,115.88
1975	REPLACEMENT OF POLICE CRUISER	36,193.59	10,000.00	-	(34,603.24)	11,590.35	548.93	142.63	(548.93)	142.63	11,732.98
1976	FUTURE LIBRARY BUILDING	160.08	-	-	-	160.08	2,389.14	9.90	-	2,399.03	2,559.11
1986	REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	27,462.11	-	-	(21,715.07)	5,747.04	280.93	107.70	(280.93)	107.70	5,854.74
1990	PURCHASE OF RECREATION LANDS	77,077.13	-	-	-	77,077.13	42,045.14	462.43	-	42,507.57	119,584.70
1994	TOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	42,207.21	-	-	-	42,207.21	327.30	165.12	-	492.42	42,699.63
1994	TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	2,049.17	-	-	-	2,049.17	111.51	8.39	-	119.90	2,169.08
2005	REPLACEMENT OF TOWN BRIDGES	480,170.41	350,000.00	-	(333,881.54)	496,288.87	1,386.13	1,869.41	(1,386.13)	1,869.40	498,158.27
2005	ESTABLISH NON-PRESS WATER	25,472.79	-	-	-	25,472.79	641.86	101.38	-	743.24	26,216.03
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		\$845,376.34	\$477,200.00		(\$447,780.25)	\$874,796.09	\$52,900.60	\$3,487.12	(\$2,938.78)	\$53,448.94	\$928,245.03

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK

20 Year Debt Schedule for Town of Frankestown

Date Prepared	7/21/06		
Bonds Dated	8/15/06	Amount of Loan to be Paid	\$985,745.00
Interest Start Date: 205 days	7/20/06	Premium	\$14,255.00
First Interest Payment	2/15/07	Total Received	\$1,000,000.00
True Interest Cost	4.5600%		

Debt Year	Period Ending	Principal Outstanding	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total Payment	Calendar Year Total Payment
	2/15/07				26,686.88	26,686.88	
1	8/15/07	985,745.00	50,745.00	5.000%	23,432.38	74,177.38	100,864.26
	2/15/08				22,163.75	22,163.75	
2	8/15/08	935,000.00	50,000.00	5.000%	22,163.75	72,163.75	94,327.50
	2/15/09				20,913.75	20,913.75	
3	8/15/09	885,000.00	50,000.00	5.000%	20,913.75	70,913.75	91,827.50
	2/15/10				19,663.75	19,663.75	
4	8/15/10	835,000.00	50,000.00	4.000%	19,663.75	69,663.75	89,327.50
	2/15/11				18,663.75	18,663.75	
5	8/15/11	785,000.00	50,000.00	4.000%	18,663.75	68,663.75	87,327.50
	2/15/12				17,663.75	17,663.75	
6	8/15/12	735,000.00	50,000.00	5.000%	17,663.75	67,663.75	85,327.50
	2/15/13				16,413.75	16,413.75	
7	8/15/13	685,000.00	50,000.00	5.000%	16,413.75	66,413.75	82,827.50
	2/15/14				15,163.75	15,163.75	
8	8/15/14	635,000.00	50,000.00	5.000%	15,163.75	65,163.75	80,327.50
	2/15/15				13,913.75	13,913.75	
9	8/15/15	585,000.00	50,000.00	5.000%	13,913.75	63,913.75	77,827.50
	2/15/16				12,663.75	12,663.75	
10	8/15/16	535,000.00	50,000.00	5.000%	12,663.75	62,663.75	75,327.50
	2/15/17				11,413.75	11,413.75	
11	8/15/17	485,000.00	50,000.00	5.000%	11,413.75	61,413.75	72,827.50
	2/15/18				10,163.75	10,163.75	
12	8/15/18	435,000.00	50,000.00	4.500%	10,163.75	60,163.75	70,327.50
	2/15/19				9,038.75	9,038.75	
13	8/15/19	385,000.00	50,000.00	4.625%	9,038.75	59,038.75	68,077.50
	2/15/20				7,882.50	7,882.50	
14	8/15/20	335,000.00	50,000.00	4.625%	7,882.50	57,882.50	65,765.00
	2/15/21				6,726.25	6,726.25	
15	8/15/21	285,000.00	50,000.00	4.750%	6,726.25	56,726.25	63,452.50
	2/15/22				5,538.75	5,538.75	
16	8/15/22	235,000.00	50,000.00	4.750%	5,538.75	55,538.75	61,077.50
	2/15/23				4,351.25	4,351.25	
17	8/15/23	185,000.00	50,000.00	4.625%	4,351.25	54,351.25	58,702.50
	2/15/24				3,195.00	3,195.00	
18	8/15/24	135,000.00	45,000.00	4.700%	3,195.00	48,195.00	51,390.00
	2/15/25				2,137.50	2,137.50	
19	8/15/25	90,000.00	45,000.00	4.750%	2,137.50	47,137.50	49,275.00
	2/15/26				1,068.75	1,068.75	
20	8/15/26	45,000.00	45,000.00	4.750%	1,068.75	46,068.75	47,137.50
TOTALS			\$985,745.00		\$487,599.26	\$1,473,344.26	\$1,473,344.26

BUDGET & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

As authorized by a vote of the 1978 Town Meeting, the duties of the Budget and Advisory Committee are:

- to advise and assist the Selectmen as requested,
- to participate with the Selectmen in the preparation and final compilation of the annual Town Budget,
- and to publish and post not less than fifteen (15) days prior to Town Meeting in two or more conspicuous locations within Town its findings and recommendations with regard to each item of the budget and all articles proposing capital expenditures as approved by the Board of Selectmen.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The focus of the Committee during recent years has been and remains various issues:

- Infrastructure: buildings, bridges and roads. Funds need to be allocated in the current budget and through funding of reserves to meet ongoing repairs and maintenance. Progress has been made in this area, but major projects, especially bridges remain a priority;
- Expenses: perpetual and institutionalized increases to the budget. The Committee remains very concerned that costs added to the budget remain in perpetuity;
- Medical Insurance: continued diligence regarding changes to the health insurance industry, especially as the Affordable Care Act impacts the health care industry and insurance marketplace;
- Legal: In addition to annual legal costs, the on-going expense of the utility suit;
- Fuel: fluctuations in prices, negative in recent years and currently positive; and
- Continuation of existing services to the Town.

2015 BUDGET

During the past year the Budget and Advisory Committee met with the Town Administrator, Selectmen and Department Heads to review current year spending and proposals for the 2015 budget. The Budget & Advisory Committee held several meetings to review budget proposals and discuss recommendations. All meetings are open to the public and held in the meeting room at the Town Offices; interested parties are always encouraged to attend.

For 2015 the Committee supports the proposed operating budget. For more information about the operating budget and other warrant articles, the Budget & Advisory Committee will be publishing its findings and recommendations prior to Town Meeting in accordance with the vote of the 1978 Town Meeting. These findings will be posted at the Francestown Post Office, Library, Town Offices and Town website.

On behalf of the Committee, many thanks to Mike Branley, Town Administrator, for his work in preparing the budget and providing timely information to the Committee.

And finally, thanks to my fellow Committee members, Stewart Brock, Henry Kunhardt, Bill McAuley and Nick Wilder, for their participation in and dedication to the preparation of our 2015 budget recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles M. Pyle
Chairman Francestown Budget & Advisory Committee
February 9, 2015

FRANCESTOWN'S SIX YEAR (2015-2020) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The primary purpose of the Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which is created by the Planning Board and recommended to the Board of Selectmen for implementation, is to provide a valuable planning tool to help the Town anticipate, prioritize, coordinate and manage its capital expenditures. In Francestown, a capital expenditure is generally considered an appropriation for something that costs \$5,000 or more and has a useful life of at least three years. Francestown's CIP also considers non-capital items that appear on the warrant, such as milfoil treatment and prevention and reassessment of property.

The Planning Board met three times in October to review the staff proposed CIP, meet with department heads and committee chairs, and consider the financial implications of the plan in both the short and long term. During this process, the Planning Board came to a consensus that they would like to explore ways to better organize and report data regarding maintenance costs, usage, and other subjects to help inform vehicle and equipment purchase decisions. The Planning Board and the staff will be exploring ways to improve this process going forward.

The CIP approved in 2015 reflects a new approach to underfunded building projects. Prior to this year, lower priority projects that could not be accommodated without causing unreasonable increases in the tax rate were tracked outside of the plan. Beginning this year a number of those projects are included in the plan with the understanding that they will be funded using the undesignated fund surplus only if the Board of Selectmen agrees there is a sufficient balance to use the funds while maintaining a responsible and prudent fund balance. If sufficient fund balance is not available other funding sources will need to be identified or the projects will be deferred. This change is embodied in 2015 by \$100,000 for building projects.

A second procedural change to the preparation of the CIP was the use of the Town Administrator to coordinate the plan and propose the initial draft. The Planning Board remains responsible for the content and approval of the plan.

The estimated start of the Town Hall bond payments was shifted from 2015 to 2016 based on the projected start of the project. As usual, the CIP also included some revised appropriations to the various capital reserve funds as required by new information.

Two projects, the replacement of the Fire Department's Rescue Truck and an additional appropriation for the Woodward Hill Road and Juniper Hill Road Bridges, were included in the CIP for 2015 but are not on the warrant. The Rescue Truck has additional useful life and the Fire Department recommended further analysis of replacement alternatives, in part due to uncertainty about the Town's future ambulance services. The additional funding for Woodward Hill and Hill Road Bridges will be covered by savings on the 2014 2nd NH Turnpike S. Bridge project. In addition, after the CIP was completed the Board of Selectmen agreed to increase the Scoby milfoil treatment appropriation on the warrant as recommended by the Department of Environmental Services to a total of \$24,000 with \$18,000 from taxation (a tax levy increase of \$8,000).

The overall tax rate impact of the CIP (not including long term debt) for 2015 is projected at \$2.16 / \$1,000, a total increase from 2014 of \$38,000. With the additional milfoil funding the total tax impact of all warrant articles (not including the budget) increased to \$2.20 and a \$45,000 increase.

The summary of this year's CIP is provided to assist you in your decision making at Town Meeting. If you would like a copy of the complete plan or have any questions about the plan and how it is prepared, please contact the Planning Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Branley
Town Administrator

EXHIBIT 1
1st YEAR OF 2015-2020 CIP COMPARED TO 2014 WARRANT ARTICLES

(1) <u>Expense Item</u>	(2) <u>CIP</u>	(3) <u>Warrant Proposal</u>	(4) <u>Note</u>	(5) <u>Est. Tax Impact[^]</u>
Capital Reserve Funds				
Fire Equipment	\$7,500	\$7,500	S, B	\$0.04
Highway Equipment	\$125,000	\$125,000	S, B	\$0.66
Bridge Improvements	\$205,000	\$205,000	S, B	\$1.08
Cemetery Improvements	-	\$1,600	S, B	-
Police Vehicles	\$15,000	\$15,000	S, B	\$0.08
Fire Trucks	\$25,000	\$25,000	S, B	\$0.13
Building Improvements	\$100,000	\$100,000	S, B	\$0.53
Undesig. Fund Surplus	\$(90,000)	\$(89,600)	S, B	\$(0.47)
Expendable Trust Funds				
Master Plan Expend. Res.	\$2,000	\$2,000	S, B	UFS
Cemetery Maint. Fund	-	\$1,600	S, B	UFS
Equip/Projects/Non-Capital Warrants				
Bridge Projects	\$200,000	-	-	-
Fire Rescue Truck	\$150,000	-	-	-
Building Projects	\$100,000	\$100,000	S, B	R
Reappraisal Reserve	\$10,000	\$10,000	S, B	\$0.05
P. Pond Milfoil Prevention	\$2,500	\$2,500	S, B	\$0.01
Scoby Milfoil Treatment	\$17,000	\$24,000	S, B	P/\$.09
Total 2015 Warrants**		\$619,200		\$2.20
Total 2015 CIP**	\$959,000			\$2.16
Total 2014 Warrants		\$1,200,520		\$1.96

Note 1: Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation is based on actual warrant proposal.

Note 2: In Column 4, an S notation indicates that approval of the warrant article is recommended by a majority of the Board of Selectmen and a B indicates the positive recommendation of a majority of the Budget Advisory Committee.

Note 3: In Column 5, R indicates financing in part, or in whole, from reserves; UFS indicates withdrawals from undesignated fund surplus; P indicates partial financing from private donation or grant.

Note 4: "Warrants" as used above does not include the operating budget.

** Excluding bond and bond-related payments, which are part of the CIP, but which are not discretionary

[^] Based on assessed values as of 1/1/15

2015-2020 BASE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - EXHIBIT 2

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	2012	2013	2014		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Proj.</u>	<u>Proj.</u>	<u>Proj.</u>	<u>Proj.</u>	<u>Proj.</u>	<u>Proj.</u>
<u>CAPITAL RESERVES</u>										
Conservation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Vehicles	-	-	50.00		25.00	100.00	100.00	105.00	180.00	155.00
Fire Ponds/Hydrants	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Equipment/Radios	5.00	5.00	5.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Highway Equipment	60.00	85.00	60.00		125.00	110.00	130.00	165.00	165.00	175.00
Police Vehicles	-	-	10.00		15.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	25.00
Cemetery Improvements	-	4.70	2.20		-	-	-	-	-	-
Road Improvement Program	160.00	150.00	-		-	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	200.00
Bridge Program	50.00	120.00	240.00		205.00	35.00	40.00	55.00	20.00	50.00
Transfer Sta. Improvements	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Town Bldg. Improvements	61.00	-	-		100.00	-	-	-	20.00	-
<u>OTHER WARRANTS</u>										
Bridge Upgrades	1,200.00	1,400.00	110.00		200.00	-	1,700.00	-	-	-
Cemetery Improvements	-	-	2.20		-	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Ponds	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Road Improvement Program	180.00	180.00	-		-	-	340.00	-	340.00	-
Town Bldg. Improvements	101.80	25.30	95.00		100.00	75.00	75.00	70.00	70.00	75.00
Backhoe	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Dump Trucks	-	-	70.00		-	-	-	200.00	225.00	-
Emergency Com. Equipment	-	-	-		-	-	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Fire Trucks - rescue	-	-	-		-	110.00	-	-	-	-
Fire Equip. Misc.	5.00	24.40	-		-	10.00	10.00	8.00	-	-
Generator	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Grader - New/Major Repair	-	280.00	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Payloader	-	-	-		-	200.00	-	-	-	-
Pickup/Plow Trucks	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	75.00	-
Plows	11.00	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-

	2012	2013	2014		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Proj.</u>	<u>Proj.</u>	<u>Proj.</u>	<u>Proj.</u>	<u>Proj.</u>	<u>Proj.</u>
Police Cruiser	-	-	38.00		-	-	55.00	-	-	65.00
Master Plan Update	-	-	10.00		2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Milfoil Eradication – Scoby	8.43	18.58	17.02		17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Milfoil Prevention – Pleasant	1.50	2.50	2.50		2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Reappraisal Reserve	6.00	-	-		10.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	10.00	30.00
Reappraisal	-	-	25.00		-	-	-	-	55.00	-
Traffic Monitor	-	-	3.60		-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u> <u>(Bonds/Bans)</u>										
Conservation Bond	85.33	82.83	80.33		77.83	75.33	72.83	70.33	68.08	65.77
Bridge Bond Anticipation Note	-	-	7.00		-	-	-	-	-	-
Town Hall Bond	-	-	350.00		-	49.15	46.81	45.50	44.19	42.88
<u>Subtotal</u>	1,935.06	2,378.31	1,177.85		1,036.83	883.47	2,808.64	957.83	1,496.27	1,587.65
<u>CREDITS (Revenues)</u>	1,533.01	1533.01	711.00		546.80	307.38	2,193.80	299.80	787.80	823.80
<u>NET APPROPRIATIONS</u>	\$402.05	\$845.30	\$466.85		\$490.03	\$576.10	\$614.84	\$658.03	\$708.47	\$763.85

PROJECTS FOR WHICH FUNDING SOURCES HAVE NOT BEEN YET IDENTIFIED (partial listing)

Russell Station & Old County North bridges

Small Bridges/Culverts

Solar Panel – Fire Station

Fire Ponds

Demolish Derelict Ski Shop

New Water System - Cemetery #3

Police Station Renovations

Town Beach

Transfer Station Improvements

Backhoe

Fire Radios - total replacement

FRANCESTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2014 Officers

Chief	Larry Kullgren
1 st Deputy	Brian Delahanty
2 nd Deputy	David Kullgren
Captains	Kevin Holdredge
	Aaron Eder-Linell
Rescue Captain	Celeste Lunetta
Lieutenant	David Hanlon
Standing Committee	Richard Leavitt
	Aaron Eder-Linell
	Jennifer Hardwick
Clerk	Jennifer Fritz
Treasurer	Paul St. Cyr
Forest Fire Warden	David Kullgren
Deputy Wardens	Larry Kullgren
	Brian Delahanty
	Kevin Holdredge
	Aaron Eder-Linell
	David Hanlon
	Donald Warner
	Tom Paige



Breakdown of Calls:	
Structure Fires	2
Vehicle Fires	2
Brush Fires	2
Automatic Alarms	17
Co Alarms	3
Mutual Aid Response	31
Power Line	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents	18
Medical/ Rescue	55
Other Calls	6
Total Fire-	86
Total EMS/Rescue-	55
Total Calls-	147



The Francestown Volunteer Fire Department responded to 147 Emergency calls in 2014. The Fire Department conducted 12 business meetings, 11 Rescue Meetings, 48 Sunday truck and equipment checks and 876 hours of in house training. This equates to 3386 hours to staff Emergency and Non-Emergency calls.

In March of 2014 Francestown Volunteer Fire Department lost a very valuable member, Alan Thulander a 40 + year member. Alan's dedication and commitment to his community will be greatly missed. Thank you Alan!

Members of the Fire Department spent over 200 hours reconditioning a surplus military truck into a forestry truck. This truck will improve the department's capabilities in suppression of wilderness fire. I would like to thank those members for their hard work and dedication.



We have continued to maintain and improve the fire department building in 2014. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen for having the exterior repaired and painted. The Fire Department members had a new Fire Department Sign painted and installed on the front of the station.

In the late fall of 2014 contracts were signed to have new heating systems installed in the apparatus bays, office and meeting areas. The installation is near completion.

At this time I would like express my thanks to the men and women of the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad for their many efforts and services in 2014. I would also like to thank the residents and guests of Francestown for their continued support.

We are always looking to increase our membership at the Fire Department. Have you ever thought about becoming a Volunteer? Please stop by the Fire Department or call my cell phone 620-3198. You may find it to be very rewarding and have the personal satisfaction of knowing that you were able to help a neighbor in their time of need.

In closing I would like to remind our community that the best way to save lives and property is early detection and notification of a fire or medical emergency. Please, always be careful with fires. Change your Co and Smoke detector batteries annually, check to ensure each device is in proper working order, and have a family evacuation plan in place.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Kullgren
Chief of Department

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN & STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

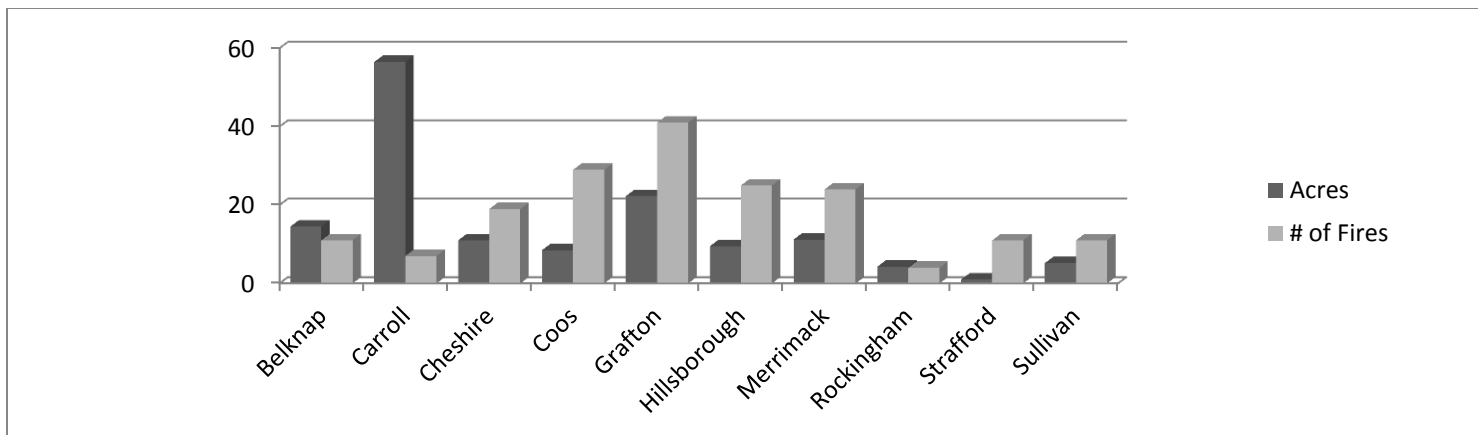
This past fire season started in early April with the first reported fire on April 7th. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, began very dry with unseasonably dry conditions continuing through the entire month. This dry pattern continued through the first half of May. 80% of our reported fires this season occurred during this six week period. The largest fire was 24 acres, occurring in the town of Tamworth. From mid May through early September, above average rainfall kept our total acreage burned statewide at 72 acres. This is the smallest amount of acreage burned statewide in several years. Late August through late September though brought a dry trend to northern areas, resulting in several deep-burning remote fires. Our fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2014 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2014 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2014)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.1	5
Carroll	24	4
Cheshire	6.8	7
Coos	5.3	18
Grafton	8.2	32
Hillsborough	6.1	20
Merrimack	15.5	11
Rockingham	1.1	8
Strafford	0.4	5
Sullivan	1.5	2



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	2	2014	112	72
Debris	52	2013	182	144
Campfire	10	2012	318	206
Children	2	2011	125	42
Smoking	5	2010	360	145
Railroad	0			
Equipment	5			
Lightning	1			
Misc.*	35			

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

FIRE PERMITS REQUIRED BY LAW

In New Hampshire RSA 227-L:17 requires that: a fire permit be obtained by the person conducting and responsible for the open burning whenever the ground is not covered with snow within a 100 foot radius of the burn site. For additional information and a brochure on open burning laws and applicable administrative rules, please visit <http://www.nhdf.org> or contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department. Please be advised that some communities may also have additional restrictions regarding open burning and specific local permitting requirements.

Options for obtaining a required State of NH Fire Permit:

- ☐ Contact your local Forest Fire Warden, Deputy Warden or a fire department official to obtain a written fire permit.
- ☐ Utilize the convenience of the Online Fire Permit System in participating communities. Follow the link:
<https://nhdfweb.sovsportsnet.net>
- ☐ Simply scan the QR code below to visit the Online Permit website.

Help Prevent Wildfires!



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AUXILIARY – FRANCESTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Officers elected for 2014

President: Karen St. Cyr
Vice President: Linda Abbott
Secretary: Donna Barbalato
Treasurer: Judi Miller

The Auxiliary's report for the 2014 Francestown Town Report is dedicated to Joan Kullgren, Betsy Wiederhold, and the late Elizabeth Foote and Rita Cutter. Their foresight and commitment of support for the Francestown Fire Department inspired them to formally organize the Ladies Auxiliary in 1973. The fire company, more appropriately known for many years as the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD), continues to function as an all-volunteer fire department. At the fire department's annual Appreciation Dinner, held on May 17, 2014, Joan and Betsy were honored for their service and presented with floral arrangements and a plaque noting "*In Honor of the Women Who Were Instrumental in the Formation of the Auxiliary.*" Their support of the Auxiliary continues, and the plaque is displayed at the fire house in the meeting hall kitchen area.

Many women have served as members of the Auxiliary since its inception, and we acknowledge and remember them for their service. The Auxiliary has remained a viable organization over the years by adapting to lifestyle and economic changes. A core group provides leadership and is supported by previously active members and dedicated friends and neighbors. We are deeply appreciative of this support as it is critical to our ability to support the fire company and extend service to Francestown neighbors and beyond.

Auxiliary members are on call for extended fire calls when refreshments are needed by the FVFD and mutual aid departments when they are called in for assistance. Refreshments are also provided when needed at training sessions.

March is the busiest month for the organization. It starts with fundraising refreshments at Town Meeting – thank you, everyone, for your support! – and ends with the Auxiliary-prepared corned beef dinner at the firehouse for close to sixty attendees at the annual meeting of the Hillsborough County Forest Fire Warden's meeting always hosted by the FVFD.

The Auxiliary's largest fundraiser, a biennial publication of the *Francestown Telephone and Business Directory*, provides a community service for residents and supports the "shopping local" initiative. The 2014 edition was released prior to Town Meeting in March with a complimentary copy mailed to every residence and provided for town agencies. A \$2500 donation was presented to the fire department towards a replacement rescue unit. Since the Directory Project began over a decade ago, the Auxiliary has donated over \$10,000 to the fire department for use toward priority needs.

The Fire Prevention & Safety program held in October was heralded as the best ever! Partnering with the fire department to host the event at the firehouse, the Auxiliary served refreshments to Francestown Elementary students, staff, family members, and home schooled families. As is tradition, Peterborough Toadstool Bookshop Literary Vouchers, courtesy of the Auxiliary, were presented to each classroom - grades K, 1, 2, and 3/4 for literature pertinent to studies during the current academic year.



In November, over 100 guests and participants, including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and a new Francestown resident who played the bagpipe, attended the moving Veteran's Day service.

A luncheon hosted by the Auxiliary followed at the FIHS Lodge. Two beautiful quilts in patriotic colors, designed and donated by a resident, were raffled at the luncheon and won by a veteran and a new resident in Francestown.

Francestown's semi-annual blood drives, sponsored by the Auxiliary and held at FES in May and November, have yielded close to 1100 pints collected since the first blood drive held in response to 911! The generosity of donors from Francestown and numerous communities is greatly appreciated.

The Auxiliary is a participant in Francestown's "Community Santa" and supports the Welcome Basket Project (Lori Hardwick-Way and Diane Noonan welcome new residents with baskets of baked items and town and local information).

Thank you friends and neighbors for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen A. St. Cyr
President





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Francetown Police Department
Francetown NH 03043
603-547-6850

We would like to welcome back Officer Nightingale to the Department. Officer Nightingale worked for the Department in the late 90's and early 2000's. Officer Able resigned to concentrate on his fulltime job at the Wilton Police Department and we wish the best to Mike. A few changes for 2015 are ahead of us. A significant motor vehicle law change will take effect this summer. Hand held electronic devices will no longer be legal to operate/use while driving. I would like to remind dog owners to register their dogs by April 22, 2015. I was pleased to see a large increase of house check requests this year. I would like to encourage those of you to secure your property while unattended. I cringe when I hear that houses are being left unsecured and keys left in cars. Over 50% of the burglaries this year occurred at unsecured buildings.

In 2014, 2598 Calls-For-Service were documented. Here are some of the more notable figures.

Abandoned Vehicles	2	Accidents	34
Alarms	25	911 hang ups	8
Animal Calls	53	Assault	1
Sexual Assault	0	Assist Other Dept./Officers	894
Arrests	12	Building/Property Check	796
Burglary	9	Computer Crimes	8
Criminal Mischief	5	Criminal Threat	2
Criminal Trespass	3	Disabled MVs	7
Disorderly Conduct	2	Directed Patrols	463
Domestic Disputes	6	Fingerprints School/Other	1
Harassing Comm.	2	Juvenile Complaints/Truant	4
Littering-Dumping	1	Missing Persons	2
M/V Complaints	15	Neglect	0
Noise Complaints	8	Neighborhood Disputes	1
OHRV Accidents	0	OHRV Complaints	6
Open Door/Window	25	Protective Order Violations	0
Protective Orders	1	Public Relations Talks	7
Parking Problems	9	Paper Service	21
Shots Fired	6	Stalking	0
Theft	1	Theft Motor Vehicle	0
Town Ordinance	0	Traffic Checkups	12
Traffic Warnings	485	Traffic Citations	53
Welfare Checks	4	Untimely Death	0

Please have a safe 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Stephen P. Bell

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Projects for the 2014 season included renting an excavator for shoulder work and culvert installation. Shoulder work was done on Campbell Hill Road and Mountain Road with the excavator. We also replaced culverts on Russell Station Road, Udall Road and one under the ramp to the sand pile.

Extensive shoulder work was also done on Schoolhouse Road. Because of the soft conditions of the shoulders and to minimize damage to the edge of pavement, we used the Kobata tractor. Its light weight made it perfect to get the job done without damage.

Along with shoulders, we also had six culverts replaced to enhance waterflow. With shoulders carrying water away from the pavement edge, now the cross pipes will carry the water away from the roadway. The old culverts were rotted, crushed and heaved, preventing adequate drainage. Finishing off the project was paving of the sites.

Major graveling was done on Second NH Turnpike North from Schoolhouse Road to Route 47. Also receiving significant gravel were, Hay Hill, Dennison Pond, Candlewood Hill and Back Mountain Road. Several other locations were touched up Town wide.

Miller Construction and the Highway Department constructed a turnaround on the end of Farrington Road. Previously we had been turning around in a private driveway that was inadequate at best. The project consisted of extending this dead-end road approximately 250', removal of a few trees, grubbing out unsuitable and replacing with bank run material. This course of action has made turning around easier and keeps Town vehicles off private property. This is the second one we've done and we would like to pursue some better turnarounds at other locations. Our thanks to Andrew Grant for assisting with tree work.

A majority of paving funds were used to overlay Mountain Road this year. This road was completely reconstructed about 15 years ago. Our ongoing pavement preservation program has included chip sealing and annual or semiannual crack sealing of this road. To get the best return on reconstruction dollars it's time to overlay the surface to help prevent water penetrating the base. A modest increase in the paving line should be noted. This is in keeping with our crack sealing program. The increase will result in one more day of crack sealing.

Routine grading, spreading calcium chloride, hauling the 3000 yards of processed sand, 4000+ yards of crushed gravel and a weather event here and there filled most of the rest of our time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Paige
Road Agent



ROAD & BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Bridges still remain a major focus of the Highway Department's CIP. The Town owns 15 bridges. Of these 15, 2 have been reconstructed by the Town using FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants. One was reconstructed through the NHDOT Bridge Aid Program and one was done with Town funding alone. Two more bridges are on the Bridge Aid List for construction in the summer of 2015.

The Town also has one more bridge on the schedule of NHDOT Bridge Aid for the 2019-20 budget cycle and we have asked for estimates on two more through the program.

At last years' Town Meeting the Department requested \$110,000 to replace the Scoby Road Bridge. This project was completed for the amount requested and seems to fit the roadway and neighborhood quite nicely.

The Department believes this type of structure could have usefulness at other stream crossings in Town. It is visually similar to what we have in existing locations while having modern technology traits and up to date load bearing capacities. This type of structure seems a good balance of cost, efficiency and local input as to what types of structure the Town ends up with.

As of this writing, the Town has six bridges on the "Red List" and one bridge closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Paige
Road Agent



Scoby Road Bridge Reconstruction

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

2014 Report

Breakdown of calls for 2014

Dogs –

Missing	13
Strays	20
Found Owner	16
Nuisance	6 – includes barking, bothering people walking their dogs

Cats –

Strays	7
Livestock	4 – goats, rabbits, cows, horses
Wildlife	15 – deer, owl, raccoon, opossum, turtle, bear, bat, blue heron, chipmunk
Other	1 – includes concerns for animal's welfare

Total calls 82

During the year 1 cat and 1 dog were transported to the Humane Society in Swanzey after being held for 7 days and not finding the owner.

To help reunite owners with their pet(s) when they go missing, please call so I am aware that your pet is missing – 547-6850 will get you police dispatch. They will take the information and relay it to me.

This year's rabies clinic was a success. A rabies clinic will be held in April 2015 – watch for posters as to the date and time. State law requires cats be vaccinated against rabies. Remember, when attending the rabies clinic, cats need to be in a carrier and dogs on a leash. Please remember to bring along your animal's current rabies certificate.

State law requires all dogs over 3 months old be licensed by April 30th each year. Remember – in addition to the license fee – there is an additional fee after June 1st to license your dog (\$25.00 Forfeit Fee and \$1.00 per month for each month you are delinquent). Proof of rabies vaccination (a rabies certificate) is required to license your dog – make sure to bring the certificate with you when you go to the Town Office to license your dog.

Once you have licensed your dog, please put the license tag on your dog's collar – this helps us locate you should your dog wonder off. Pick-up fee - \$20.00; care of animal - \$10.00 a day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald C. Abbott
Animal Control Officer

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

In 2014, we focused again on updating the Town's emergency plans. The hazard mitigation plan is finished and awaiting FEMA approval. Soon, we will start the process of reviewing and updating our Emergency Operations Plan.

We also continue to explore grant funding opportunities to enhance public safety and emergency preparedness. We have been actively pursuing a grant for the past several years that would allow the town to provide emergency stand-by power at the police station. This will ensure that local law enforcement is able to fully function during periods of severe weather.

The most important function of this office is to provide timely communications between emergency responders and the citizens. The state of New Hampshire has recently released an app that provides geographic based alerts. You can go to <http://www.readynh.gov/alerts>. We also have a Facebook page - (search for "**Francestown Emergency Management**") where we provide emergency information and updates from other agencies such as PSNH.

The most important thing that you can do to keep your family and your home safe is to be prepared. The website www.readynh.gov has information about emergency kits, planning and contact information.

Should you have any emergency preparedness or E911 addressing questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Thank you,
Kevin Holdredge
Emergency Management Director
(603) 486-7595
mfd552@yahoo.com

BUILDING DEPARTMENT/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Building permits were issued for three new homes this past year. One has been completed and ready for occupancy. One was recently started and another is about complete. There have been a number of accessory buildings, additional and renovations permitted.

Any structure over 200 sq. feet must have a building permit. Smaller buildings need to have a property improvement form submitted and need to comply with zoning regulations.

Changes to the fee schedule for permits were proposed to the Board of Selectmen. The new fees were adopted by the Board and became effective 1/1/15. The biggest change was a reduction of the cost per foot for decks, porches, and accessory buildings that do not require the number of inspections needed for a new home.

I am generally in the office on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. I am presently available for meetings with the public to discuss building plans and other projects that may be proposed. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Town Office for an appointment. I am also available at other times for inspections and other appointment times.

Thank you,

Ed Hunter
Building Inspector

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The Public Assistance Department provided assistance to five Francetown families in 2014. Only one of these families required on-going assistance and others received assistance more than one time during the year. We have seen the amount of time residents require assistance decrease this year. The wood bank remains a source of heat for a number of residents in town. Thank you to Kay and Tom Anderson for all the help to split the wood and for those who helped to stack it.

A special thank you to the St. Patrick's Church in Antrim, Francetown Friends and the Francetown Community Church for their donations at Easter and Thanksgiving and for the Christmas meals and gifts for five families in Francetown.

The Public Assistance Department provides basic necessities such as food, shelter, utilities, and transportation when qualification standards are met. It is a timely process; however an application must be completed and verified. At times, there are other needs that arise that may not be covered by the regular program. For this reason, the Public Assistance Department now has a Trust Fund set up and the help of a local non-profit organization, Francetown Friends. Both of these sources accept donations year round to assist with these needs. These funds are used when a need arises that falls outside of the guidelines. For example, a job training class, a driver's license renewal fee, a payment to an electric bill in arrears, or a car registration could be taken care of for a family. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to help a local family by making a donation to the Trust Fund or Francetown Friends.

This year will bring changes to the position, as I have to resign. If you find yourself in need, please contact the Town of Francetown for assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis A. Naegeli
Public Assistance Administrator

TRANSFER STATION

2014 was another great year at the Transfer Station. To help keep the area clean and debris free, please break down your cardboard boxes. Please refer to the new sign posted in the area.

We no longer accept aluminum cans in bags and the aluminum container has been modified to help contain the loose cans. We accept clean and dry plastic bags, which helps keep plastic out of the waste stream and advances recycling. Thank you to John Arnold and Bruce Harrington for picking up the bags and delivering them to Shaw's Supermarket in Peterborough for re-use.

The swap room is always a busy place. We do our best to keep it clean with no broken or dirty items. This is another great way to recycle and reuse.

We try our best to find items that we know our patrons are looking for and save them for when they return. They are pleasantly surprised and very appreciative. We love our furry friends so much that we save bones for them too. We also save "box tops for education" to help the school acquire free equipment.

We have updated the "Francetown Recycling Guide." Thank you to Becky Moul for a job well done. We hope it helps long-time residents as well as new residents understand recycling procedures.

To keep traffic moving smoothly we would like to remind everyone to please move your vehicles forward to place recyclables in bins. This allows others behind you to keep moving. Also please be aware of traffic moving around you. We had no accidents this year, but a few close calls. Please remember, safety first.

The Waste Disposal Committee is working diligently on a new cement pad for scrap metal. This will create a more orderly area that will be easier to keep clean. It will also make removal more efficient and this will help keep any fluids that may be present on the metal from seeping into the soil causing contamination.

George, George and I thank everyone for your continued support and for making such an effort at recycling. Thank you to the Waste Disposal Committee for their hard work and dedication. Their hard work makes our job easier. Thank you also to the Highway Department for keeping us plowed out and to Selectmen's Office for helping to keep the Transfer Station running smoothly.

A huge thank you to all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Ayers and the Attendants

WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

The Francestown Waste Disposal Committee would like to begin by thanking the residents of Francestown for their continued recycling efforts. In an effort to continue to “get the word out” on new ways to recycle or any refining of our present practices (like crush your cans) we are continuing to publish the “Talkin’ Trash” newsletter twice a year. We appreciate your support and enthusiasm for the publication.

The overall recycling rate for 2014 was 44%, 4% over the state goal, down 3% from last year’s rate of 47% (294 of 670 tons recycled).

In 2014, the Transfer Station did the following business, measured in tons.

This year’s work will revolve around the continuing education of all of our recycling practices for the residents, ensuring we are doing the very best we can. We will also be designing and securing quotes for the installation of a cement pad under the metal pile. It is now a bed of sand.

In 2014 the Francestown Recycling Guide was passed out to residents at the Transfer Station by the committee. The attendants keep them on hand for anyone who would like one. They are also available at the Town Clerk’s Office. The plastic bag collection is very successful!!! Clean, dry and out of the waste main stream.

We would like to Thank Heather Ayers, George Cilley and George Morgan for their continued service to the Transfer Station and the residents of Francestown.

Francestown continues to recycle at a rate higher than the state goal but we can do better. Remember, recycling is great for the environment and the pocketbook, a win-win situation.

Thank you all for contributing to the success of our Transfer Station.

Becky Moul
John Arnold
Mike Tartelis

Bruce Harrington
Lee Davis

In 2014, the Transfer Station did the following business in tons (major commodities):

TYPE	2009	2014	% CHANGE 09-14
Solid Waste (compactor)	376	376	No Change
Construction/demolition debris	79	78	<1%
Aluminum beverage cans	3.5	2.2	-33%
Scrap metal	47	23.4	-50%
Glass	62	64	1%
Paper	134	108	-20%
Co-mingled (plastic, aluminum, steel)	41	43	5%

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission had a good year, once again working collaboratively with other groups and conservation organizations to provide natural resource educational events and programs and on various conservation projects.

The Commission helped the Francestown Land Trust (FLT) finalize the Bullard Hill/Brennan Brook LCHIP project by contributing funds towards the project in exchange for a secondary easement interest on the property. The Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) also helped with funding and holds the primary easement. Formerly owned by John & Diane Schott and sold by them to FLT at a discounted price, the 150 acre property contains significant frontage along Brennan Brook including the waterfall.

Conservation funds were also used to purchase an access easement over the Francestown Land Trust's recently acquired Herman Miller family forest. This provides access to the Dinsmore Brook Conservation Area from Old County Road North. A newly constructed trail adds a link from that road to existing trails in the area. There are plans to make improvements to the new trail next year by adding a bridge to cross Collins Brook.



Working with the Francestown Land Trust a conservation easement was finalized on a 10-acre town owned property on Journeys End Road – with a particularly interesting black gum swamp on it – as part of the Land Trust's Avery Brook project. Putting an easement on this lot was approved at a prior town meeting but was held off until it could be used as part of a larger project to help leverage funding.

The final Conservation Plan with updated Natural Resource Inventory information was presented to the Planning Board and adopted by them as part of the Master Plan. The Commission submitted for and received just under \$5,000 from a NH Conservation Moose Plate Grant for the project, covering almost half of its cost.

The Commission members updated our annual short term conservation goals, voted to support a switch from the Southwest Regional Planning Commission to the Southern Regional Planning Commission, and authorized consulting forester Swift Corwin to use an existing log landing on Shattuck Pond town property for an abutting timber harvest subject to certain conditions. Authorization was also granted to Stephen Leavitt to once again trap beaver and fisher in the town forests.

Several educational and outreach programs were held this year including; a winter tracking hike cosponsored with FLT; a plant identification hike on the Journeys End Road black gum swamp property led by Linda Kunhardt; afterschool hikes for the elementary school children; a fall hike to celebrate the opening of the new trail off Old County Road North; and an invasive plant workshop with Doug Cygan, Invasive Species Coordinator for the NH Dept. of Agriculture. Invasive plant guides were secured and made available for free at the library and town offices. Earth Day was again recognized and special blue trash bags provided for roadside cleanup, and seedlings were passed out to the elementary school children in the spring.

The Joan Hanchett Nature Series program was reactivated in cooperation with the G. H. Bixby Library and the Francestown Land Trust with the support of the Francestown News. An initial presentation on black bear behavior by Ben Kilham was held at the elementary school. The Commission also supported the Library's 'storybook walk' program in the town forest - a fun outdoor adventure for young children.

Monitoring of town-held conservation easements and our fee-owned conservation properties is an annual responsibility – most were completed this year and no significant issues found.

Forest management activities are ongoing, though there were no timber harvests this year it is possible one may be done next year- depending on weather, the wood market, and the advice of our forester. A few commission members and other volunteers cut and cleared brush and downed trees from around the wildlife fields, roads and kiosks in the Crotched Mountain town forest, and pruned and fertilized the crabapple trees. The fields in the forest need to be mowed periodically to keep them open for wildlife habitat and were mowed this fall.

With miles of well-used hiking trails throughout our town conservation properties ongoing trail maintenance is essential if we wish to keep them open. We are fortunate to have a few dedicated volunteers who spend many hours cutting back new growth, removing storm debris and adding new and/or replacing missing trail markers and signs as needed. We are thankful for all who help out and especially for the help of Ben & Robin Haubrich and Elizabeth Lavallee who spent many hours this year working on the trails.



A very happy accomplishment this year was successfully replacing the aging bridge on the Link Trail allowing this popular access to the Town Forest from the Farrington Road trailhead to remain open. We are thankful to all who donated time and resources to make this possible: Jeff Tarr for his time and skidder to remove the old bridge and place new poles, Tom Paige for donating the trucking to move the skidder, Dave Cowell for helping secure the bridge poles, and Jeff Tarr, Don Shuffleton, and Paul, Kelly and Caleb Marshall for their help building the bridge.



The Conservation Commission has the statutory responsibility to see to the proper utilization and protection of our town's natural resources and the protection of our watershed. The Commission will continue to try to do so by making efforts to educate the public about our natural resources and the many benefits they provide us, and by continuing to work cooperatively with local landowners and other conservation organizations to conserve and manage our natural resources in the most effective and reasonable way possible.

Once again we thank you for your ongoing help and support of our conservation efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Hardwick, Chair

CONSERVATION FUND REPORT

Available balance 01/01/14 \$39,527.69

Income

Use Change Tax	250.00
Interest	26.87
Donation	100.00
Mooseplate Grant/Conservation Plan	4,999.00
PB Reimbursement for Plan Printing	900.00
LCHIP Stewardship Payment	<u>400.00</u>
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$6,675.87</i>

Expenses

NRI/Conservation Plan	1,947.00
Land Protection (Brennan Brook)	20,000.00
Access Easement (FLT/H. Miller)	7,500.00
Bank Fees	2.68
Forest Management (trail bridge)	1,211.45
Forest Management (field mowing)	<u>552.50</u>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$31,213.63</i>

Ending Balance **\$14,989.93**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN CONSERVATION LANDS

TOWN FORESTS (total 1485.37 acres)

1 Shattuck Pond (Curren/McDonnell purchase, LWCF/LCHIP Grants)	418 acres
2 Crotched Mountain Town Forest (King, Merrill, Schultz, Hardwick and Tamposi purchases and Merrill Donation - south side of Crotched Mountain, Hardwick 2004 purchase & East Rd lot 4/11 per town vote)	888.46 acres
3 Driscoll Hill Town Forest (Bowman Tract - off Driscoll Hill Road -1989)	53.6 acres
4 Lord Town Forest (Ferson Road -1974)	27.91 acres
5 Piscataquog River Town Forest (Behind/beside transfer station -1984)	6.0 acres
6 Fire Tower Town Forest (Former state fire tower site 1984-Crotched Mt. summit and Northfield Mt. Herman School purchase (2004) & 50 acres of old ski area land)	52.4 acres
7 Wharton Lot Town Forest (2007)	39 acres

OTHER TOWN-OWNED CONSERVATION LAND (634.60 acres)

1 Cilley I - donated, deed restrictions	3 acres
2 Cilley II - donated, deed restrictions	7 acres
3 Old County Rd N. (former Kampe lot, easement with FLT)	23.72 acres
4 Old County Rd N. (Fisher Mill site, easement with FLT)	2.46 acres
5 Dinsmore Brook Conservation Area (2007 & 2010)	302.67 acres
6 Piscataquog/Rand Brook Confluence (Stewart, 2010)	52.83 acres
7 Crotched Mountain (2011- SPNHF old ski area/fire tower)	232.92 acres
8 Journey's End Black Gum Swamp (FLT easement)	10 acres

TOWN CONSERVATION EASEMENT INTERESTS: (814.29 acres total)

1	Pleasant Pond/Piscataquog River-Hill (Off Pleasant Pond Road, donated by Ellen M. Hill)	144.9 acres
2	Piscataquog River - Varnum (Poor Farm and Todd Roads, donated by Harry & Connie Varnum)	45.6 acres
3	Piscataquog River - Dunscombe (South New Boston Road, donated by Karen Dunscombe)	22.63 acres
4	Whiting Brook (Off route 136, donated by Anthony Davis)	25.26 acres
5	Humphreys (Dodge Hill Road, donated by Keith & Maris Humphreys)	12.3 acres
6	Bicknell/PWA (2006 - Russell Station Rd & Cressy Hill)	75 acres
7	Murray - Piscataquog River (2006 Donated by Patricia Murray)	2.5 acres
8	Avery - (Cr. Mt., Avery 2008)	20.1 acres

EXECUTORY INTEREST (Secondary Easement Holder)

1	Jones - (FLT, New Boston Road)	56 acres
2	Howe - (FLT, donated 2006 Red House Road)	29.26 acres
3	Neilley - (FLT, donated 2010 Old County Rd S)	9 acres
4	A. Arnold - (FLT donated 2010, Old County Rd N)	6.46 acres
5	Lord - (FLT modified 2010)	9.72 acres
6	King - (SPNHF, 1989, Candlewood Hill)	61.1 acres
7	FLT/Turner (SPNHF, 2008 Russell Station Rd)	86 acres
8	Kingsbury Hill Farm (2012, Candlewood Hill Rd)	59 acres
9	Brennan Falls – FLT/Schott (new 2014)	149.46 acres

*+ and per 2005 warrant article – 5 acres pending finalization of easement documents

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board spent a good deal of time this year discussing various sections of the Francestown Zoning Ordinance. After considerable deliberation, the board unanimously agreed to recommend one proposed amendment Zoning Ordinance: Article IV: Signs. The board believes this amendment will give added flexibility for the promotion of local businesses and organizations while still protecting the scenic character of the town.

Master Plan:

Over the last year, the Board made some progress on reviewing and approving a new Community Facilities section of the Master Plan and, working with Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, has begun work on the Land Use/Demographics update and a new Broadband section. In August, the Board voted unanimously to incorporate the Conservation Plan and Natural Resource Inventory, as adopted by the Conservation Commission, into the Town's Master Plan.

In 2015, the Planning Board will be holding public meetings for input on the Town's Master Plan and hearings to adopt these updated sections.

Case Work:

In 2014, the board approved two applications for consolidation (voluntary merger) of lots: one two-lot consolidation on Dennison Pond Road; and a consolidation of four lots under common ownership located on Bullard Hill Road. The board also approved one application for modification of a previously approved subdivision: specifically, the location of a previously approved building envelope. The net of these actions is four fewer lots of record in town. There were no applications for subdivision.

The board held two Scenic Road Hearings and approved selective cutting on two sections of the 2nd NH Turnpike South, a designated scenic road: the first for the section from the village to FES for PSNH, and the second to accommodate bridge construction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Pyle, Chair

2014 REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN NH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION




The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission's staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance mandated by New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which pertain more exclusively to a specific community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Planning Board and/or Board of Selectmen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects of common interest and benefit to all member communities; keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation; and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers annual training workshops for Planning Board and Zoning Board members.



Services performed for the Town of Frankestown during the past year are as follows. Hours listed represent work for the Town only; in projects involving multiple municipalities the total hours spent by SNHPC staff is higher.

No.	Hours	Project Description
1.	140	Conducted Origin – Destination survey to add Frankestown to the regional travel demand model.
2.	37	Updated the Regional Travel Demand Model by adding Frankestown. The task includes adding roadway network, preparing socioeconomic data, and calibrating the model.
3.	33	Conducted population projection using the Cohort Component Method. The projection looks at the years 2010-2050. The task includes birth and deaths data collection, net migration projection, survival population projection.
4.	20	Performed employment projection based on historic growth rate by category. The projection looks at the years 2010-2050. The task includes collecting historic employments, determining growth rates and projecting future employments.
5.	10	Performed dwelling unit projection based on the annual average of the past 40 years of Building Permits issued. The projection looks at the years 2010-2050. The task includes collection of historic building permits issued, and dwelling unit projection.
6.	4	Organized and facilitated a Legislative outreach event for communities of the region which took place on December 2, 2014. The changing demographics of the State of New Hampshire and its impacts on transportation, infrastructure, labor, and housing were the topics of discussion.
7.	15	Compiled building permit data and certificate of occupancy permit records to record dwelling unit totals from all municipalities in the region and prepared a summary Land Use Report;
8.	6	Facilitated Advisory Committee meetings made up of representatives from each of the 15 municipalities in the region to identify and develop mutually beneficial service models to share municipal resources and pursue group purchasing to save costs. This project was funded through a grant awarded by the NH Charitable Foundation;

	12	Provided staff support to the Regional Trails Coordinating Council; provided meeting notes, finalized strategic plan, assisted with continued logo development/marketing;	
9.	6	Assisted in review of development of Regional Impact;	
10.	3	Participated on two subcommittees of the NH BPTAC (Bike-Ped Transportation Advisory Committee) – Outreach/Marketing and Counting, formed in October;	
11.	15	Retained professional engineers and stormwater experts in New Hampshire to develop a GIS-based hydrologic runoff model to assess the vulnerability of existing stream crossings and culverts to severe rainfall events and storms in the Piscataquog Watershed;	
12.	3	Organized and facilitated Municipal Planners’ Roundtable and Natural Resource Advisory Committee meetings for Planning Department staff and planning board members on solar energy and culvert assessments;	
13.	10	Provided monthly information to the Planning Board regarding upcoming meetings, project and grant updates, webinars and other training opportunities through the SNHPC quarterly Newsletters, monthly Media Blasts and periodic E-Bulletins;	
14.	7	Organized and facilitated regional economic development forums on the effectiveness of property tax incentives, establishing Public-Private Partnerships for economic developments, and tapping into and marketing tourism in communities.	

Town of Franconia Representatives to the Commission

Scot Heath

Prescott G. Tolman

Rebecca Harris, Alternate

Jennifer Vadney, Alternate

Executive Committee Member: Scot Heath



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Annual Report – 2014

The New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated and the Francestown Zoning Ordinance give the Board of Adjustment the power to: (1) hear appeals from administrative decisions relating to the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, (2) grant Special Exceptions under the Ordinance, (3) authorize Variances from the terms of the Ordinance, and (4) grant Equitable Waivers from compliance with the dimensional requirements of the Ordinance. In each case the power of the Board is strictly limited by the terms of the Statutes and the Ordinance. Persons wishing to bring a matter before the Board should examine the Ordinance before filing an application. Copies of the Ordinance, application forms and filing fees are available at the Town Offices and on the Town Website.

The Board received no appeals and heard no cases in calendar year 2014.

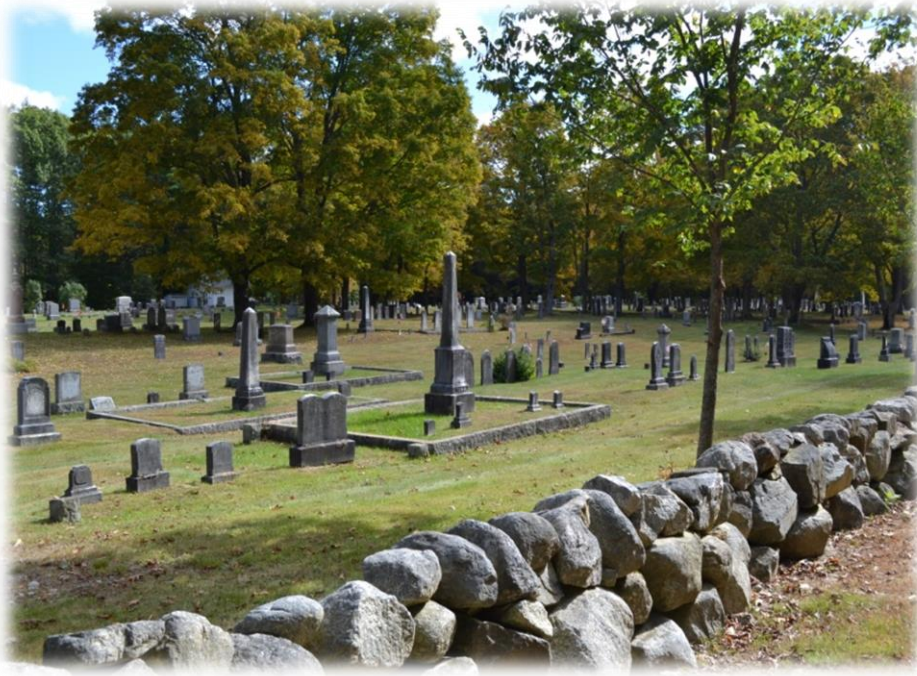
Meetings of the Board of Adjustment are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month, as required. All meetings are opened to the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Silas Little

For the Francestown Board of Adjustment

CEMETERY COMMISSION



There was 1 internment and 1 lot sold in Cemetery #3.

Maintenance included pruning of trees in #3 and repair of several headstones in #2.

We have worked, during the warm weather, at coordinating the data on our cards and maps to the actual graves in Cemetery #3. This is an ongoing project needed to computerize the record.

In the coming year we hope to repair the shed at #3 and will have some more tree work, especially in #3.

Warren Kiblin has been extremely helpful in small brush removal and other small jobs needed to keep the cemeteries as beautiful as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Polly S. Freese, Chair
Ethel MacStubbs
Elizabeth Wiederhold

HERITAGE COMMISSION

The primary focus of the Heritage Commission in 2014 was to begin the quest for funding to support the restoration of the Town Hall.

Voters at the March 2014 Town Meeting supported a Bond Issue not to exceed \$350,000 for Town Hall restoration. The bond passage and citizen support fulfilled a requirement to apply for a Land & Community Investment Program (LCHIP) grant. Our application was submitted by the June deadline and the award of a \$200,000 grant was announced by LCHIP in December.

Sadly, Maureen von Rosenvinge, former Chair of the Heritage Commission, passed away in April. Her dedication and hard work towards the restoring and reopening of the Town Hall were major factors in ensuring the structural integrity of the building and establishing favorable circumstances for continued LCHIP support.

With the Board of Selectmen two public meetings were held in May and June to discuss and review Mike Petrovick's revised designs. Adhering to historical, structural and budgetary factors, Mike presented a plan which would bring the building up to code while complying with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Over the summer the Friends of the Town Hall was established. This group of Francestown residents is committed to both restoring the building and having the Town Hall become a center of community activity once again. The Friends organized a Town Hall float (judged "Most Creative") for the FIHS Labor Day Parade, and held a Francestown Has Talent Photography Exhibit in the Town Hall in October. Future events are planned. The Friends commissioned Town Hall T-shirts and mugs which are available at the Francestown Store and can also be ordered online at <http://tinyurl.com/francestownhall>.

With the bond issue, the LCHIP grant, Mike Petrovick's in-kind donation of architectural services worth \$60,000, and donations and sales of \$31,714, 2/3 of the necessary funding to begin restoring the Town Hall was in place by December 31st. We will continue to seek other grant support, as well as corporate and individual donations to secure full funding for the Town Hall project.

So many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way this last year to help us reach the goal of restoring the Town Hall.

The Heritage Commission meets the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM, Town Offices, Lower Level unless otherwise posted. The public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elly Miles, Chair

Heritage Commission Members:

Michele Ferencsik, Vice Chair

Lisa Stewart, Treasurer

Barbara Caskie

Betsy Hardwick, *ex-officio*

Alternates:

BJ Carbee

Diane Curran



HERITAGE FUND
Treasurer's Report
January 1 – December 31, 2014

Beginning Balance in Heritage Fund	\$26,963.11
2014 Income:	
Window Pledges	\$24,500.00
(Less) window pledge receivables	(\$3,750.00)
Town Hall Donations	\$8,916.47
Friends of Town Hall	\$2,047.95
Bank Interest	\$45.66
Total 2014 Income	\$31,760.08
2014 Expenses	
Grant writing (Underwritten by donor)	\$600.00
Fund raising (T-shirts & mugs)	\$1,824.09
Total 2014 Expenses	\$2,424.09
Cash Balance in Heritage Fund December 31, 2014	\$56,299.10

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE MUSEUM AT THE THULANDER BUILDING



Our first year has been one of organization and beginning to engender community support. The numerous open days we had through the year were all well attended and people were enthusiastic. Visitors ranged from local citizens to out of state tourists to a visiting Saudi Arabian Prince (who didn't think much of our coach preferring "camels who would not get stuck in the sand").

We have completed an inventory of the artifacts and a valuation for the insurance. Eleven new artifacts have been donated ranging from an antique fanning mill to a great wheel spinning wheel and an original log caliper made in Lincoln, NH. A 106 page Visitors Guide with photos has been assembled and a monthly newsletter is sent out. We have received a cash donation from the Francestown Academy for educational purposes and are working with Conval to put together a program for the fourth graders who study New Hampshire history in that grade.

The Town has been supportive in providing us with a budget, paying for a central station fire and burglar alarm and year round pest control services. We are currently working to fund the installation of an electrical system and the finishing of the floor on the lower level to provide additional space. FIHS has been taking care of the grounds – lawn mowing, etc. So it looks like we are on the way to becoming an organization that can garner community participation and provide a venue for our youth to better understand their history.

We would also like to recognize the fire fighters of our community for their extraordinary effort in the construction of the museum.

Finally, a tribute to Alan Thulander whose dedication helped to make the museum a reality.

Bob Abbott
Bill McAuley
Co-Curators

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Patriotic Purposes Committee held the Memorial Day Service on May 23, 2014 at the Francestown Elementary School multi-purpose room due to inclement weather. The Pledge of Allegiance opened the ceremony, with a prayer by the Rev. Beth Boisvert of the Community Church of Francestown. Each member of the Francestown Color Guard explained the meaning of the symbols of the particular flag they carried. Patriotic songs were sung by the K-4 students. After Taps was played, small American flags were given to everyone attending by the members of the Patriotic Purposes Committee. After the school service, the Veterans and some participants went down to Cemetery #3 where Taps was played and a wreath placed at the Memorial to the Unknown. Following, wreaths were also placed at Cemetery #2 and at the Memorial Rocks on the OMH Common.



On November 11th, always at 11 AM, Veterans Day was observed. Roy Pyewell, a new resident of Francestown and a retired bagpiper for the British Army and the Queen of England, volunteered to pipe all the marchers to the Memorial Rocks on the OMH side common. Sgt. 1st Class Ted Brown was our parade marshal for the Town Color Guard and Post Meyers-Prescott-Olsen #50 American Legion Antrim rifle detail. Forming the largest parade ever, the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts with their leaders all marched. Following the shortest parade in the Monadnock Region, the Auxiliary to the Francestown Fire Department again hosted a free luncheon at the FIHS Lodge. As an anonymous donor graciously donated two hand-crafted quilts to the event, participating Veterans were given tickets to

this most special raffle. Winners were Don Paige of Antrim and Michael Swinford of Francestown.

For residents who would like to dispose of worn American flags, American Legion Post #50 with the Boy Scouts of Francestown, Bennington and Antrim, will hold a ceremony around Flag Day June 14 and the public is invited. Flags may be dropped off at the Transfer Station for future disposal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott S. Carbee
Polly S. Freese
Elizabeth Wiederhold

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Annual Report of the Trustees

If the year 2013 was a year of celebration and looking back, the year 2014 can be characterized by change and looking ahead. Robin Haubrich was elected to the Board of Trustees for a three-year term and Janet Hicks was appointed Alternate Trustee for her second year. There were visible interior and exterior changes, as well as technological and procedural changes which were not so much seen as experienced.

In meeting the responsibilities of maintaining an historic building, the Trustees worked with the Selectmen to have the chimneys rebuilt, repaired and capped. The ongoing water problems originating in the front of the building were addressed with the digging out of the foundation, clearing drains, bricking up leaking basement windows and re-grading the soil away from the structure, necessitating the transplanting of the memorial Rose of Sharon tree. Carpeting was removed from one of the children's rooms and the cement floor refinished. You may have noticed a temporary "Out of Order" sign on the return bookdrop that now has a hinged flap to prevent the rain from blowing in. The Trustees were pleased that many Francestown residents were hired to complete the various projects. The generous donation of time and talents by others was greatly appreciated. It is hoped that a potential grant will allow the restoration of many of the old windows.

On the inside there have been many improvements and additions. Sirkka Holm's generous donation of the proceeds from her DVD "Sirkka Tuomi Holm Shares Her WWII Experiences" allowed the commissioning of a beautiful maple trestle table made by local craftsman Scott Jenkins. Other generous donations paid for the installation of hand dryers in the restrooms, bookshelves in the Red Room, laminated bookmarks, the framing of the primitive-style painting by Christopher Gurshin, new computers and routers, as well as a technology learning system for young children.

Less visible but even more important, was the completion of the multi-year task of transitioning from a card catalog system to an automated system joining the majority of libraries in the state. We have Librarians Carol Brock and Mary Farrell and a few volunteers to thank for that huge undertaking. This new technology required new bar-coded library cards and instruction in how to take advantage of the many resources now available to the patrons. Although the changes have been met with some resistance, it is hoped that the residents of Francestown will find that the quality of their lives is enhanced by the dynamic environment for learning, collaboration and entertainment available at 52 Main Street.

In the autumn, following a lengthy search, resident Donna Barbalato was hired for the library assistant position. The November Community Supper was again sponsored by the library. Throughout the year the Trustees could be seen rolling up their sleeves to paint, clean closets and attic, and set traps (and even empty them!) for unwanted critters in the attic. The Trustees exchanged ideas with other trustees at various local libraries in the region and attended conferences sponsored by the New Hampshire Library Trustee Association in Concord.

The public is welcome to attend the Board of Trustee meetings held at the library at 7 PM on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise posted.

Trustees of the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library:

Deborah N. Rogers, Chair
Elizabeth Hunter Lavallee, Treasurer
Robin M. Haubrich, Secretary

Kelly Marshall
Paul Lawrence
Janet Hicks, Alternate

***TREASURER'S REPORT, GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY
MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES***

Account Name	Beginning Balance Jan. 2014	Deposits	Disbursements	Ending Balance Dec. 2014
Anne Schott Savings CD	\$989.83	\$2.48		\$992.31
Anne Schott Memorial	\$755.02	\$0.36		\$755.38
Vose Fund CD	\$2,871.68	\$9.21		\$2,880.89
TD Bank Operating Acct	\$15,310.03	\$4,485.69	\$13,688.56	\$6,107.16
Monadnock Building Fund	\$7,025.61	-	\$966.31	\$6,059.30
Harwood Fund	\$46,106.10	\$845.74		\$46,951.84
W & R Money Market	\$1,272.00	\$0.30		\$1,272.30

***FRIENDS OF THE GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY
MEMORIAL LIBRARY - ANNUAL REPORT***

This year we focused our fundraising activity on the 2nd Annual Cupcake Sale which netted \$745. While we had more cupcakes donated to the sale, we also had fewer buyers (perhaps because so many had already baked). However, leftovers brought smiles to folks at a nearby homeless shelter.

These profits allowed us to move forward on plans for an art hanging system for the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library which will be installed early in 2015. Since there are so many talented artists in Frankestown, displaying local art seems an excellent way to encourage visitors to our library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Friends of the George Homes Bixby Memorial Library

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY ***DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT***

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Francetown Library Trustees	Francetown Heritage Commission
Francetown School Board Rep.	Francetown Democratic Committee
Francetown District 2	Francetown News Board Meetings

Total Number of Patrons:	1330
New 2014 Patrons:	22
Total Patron Visits:	8900

LIBRARY MATERIAL CIRCULATION

<u>Adult</u>		<u>Children</u>	
Fiction:	2106	Fiction:	2159
Non-Fiction:	488	Non-Fiction:	485
Audio:	340	Audio:	21
Video:	311	Video:	497
Magazines:	770	Magazines:	10

NUPAC InterLibrary Loans: 298
NUPAC InterLibrary Borrowed: 413

LIBRARY HOLDINGS

Total Number of Holdings:	19,193	DVD Videos	
Books:	18,144	Adult:	200
Reference Books:	116	Children:	379
Music Books:	7	VHS Video	
Music CD's/Cassettes	43	Adult:	88
Music VHS:	11	Children:	0
Audio Books		Periodicals	
Adult:	368	Magazines:	
Children:	56	Subscriptions:	28
Cassette Books		National Geographic:	791
Adult:	450	Newspapers:	
Children:	0		
Francetown Historical Recordings:	124		
Computers:			
4 Desk Tops, 1 Lap Top, 1 Chromebook			
AWE (All in One Complete Children's Digital Learning Computer			

Monadnock Ledger
The New York Times

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

<u>Adult</u>		<u>Children</u>	
Books:	421	Books:	214
Audio Books:	26	Audio Books:	2
Videos:	15	Videos:	25
Magazines:	34	Magazines:	1

LIBRARY DISCARDS AND DONATIONS

Total Materials Discarded: 586

Adult Books:	Fiction: 273, Non-Fiction: 93	Children's Books:	205
Adult Video:	7	Children's Video:	7
Adult CD:	1		

Total Materials Donated: 209

Adult Books:	66	Children's Books:	54
Adult Audio:	24	Children's Audio:	1
Adult Video:	7	Children's Video:	21
Newspaper Subscriptions:	1	Single Magazines:	35

MONEY

Town Copier:	\$89.55	Fax:	\$35.75
Library Copier:	\$80.55	Book Replacement:	\$38.48
Guilt:	\$75.69		
Miscellaneous (card sales, reference book sales):	\$186.39		

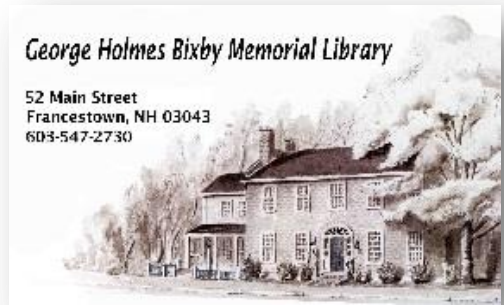
2014 LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

A Year of New Beginnings with Library Automation and Patron Cards

Felting Class Program
New Hampshire State Library IT visit (Bobbi Slosser) for Staff Training
Hosted the Nubanusit Co-op Monthly Meeting with local libraries
Meetings with "The Friends of the Library"
Musical Ragtime performance with Deborah Wyndham
Cupcake Fundraiser with Friends of the Library
New Hampshire Humanities Program: "The Guitar in Latin America" with Jose Lezcano
Weekly Children's story time
Summer Reading Program Kick-off Magic Show with Scott Jameson
Summer Reading Program with weekly programs
Summer Reading Program Celebration Party
Trustee Community Supper
Mariposa Museum Program Visit
New bar coded Patron Cards submitted
New Library automation system begins (Library World)
New Hampshire Humanities Program: "An Arm Chair Journey of Chartres Cathedral: Philosophy and Theology as Art" with William "Ty" Perry
New Hampshire Humanities Program: "A Walk Back in Time" with Adair Mulligan
Book Discussion with Elizabeth Hunter Lavalley - *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett
Reading with Riley the Dog and Deborah McGrath of Tail Waggin' Tutors
Family Program: Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party with Francestown Elementary School PTO
Children's Bedtime Math Pajama Party
Family Holiday Program: "Make Your Own Ornament Party"
Children's December Holiday month long drop in craft fun
Presentation and training class for AWE, a digital learning computer system for children
Trustee Board Meetings
The Francestown News Editorial Board Meetings
Democratic Committee Meetings

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Brock
Library Director



VITAL STATISTICS

Registered for the Town of Frankestown for the Year Ending 12/31/2014

BIRTHS

CHILD'S NAME	FATHER'S NAME MOTHER'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BIRTH PLACE	DEATHS
HALL, MASON JAMES	HALL, MATTHEW HALL, MICHELLE	1/10/2014	NASHUA, NH	
CHEEVER, MATHIAS DREW	CHEEVER, BENJAMIN WAYLAND, ALEXIS	2/12/2014	PETERBOROUGH, NH	
KIBLIN, CHEYENNE SKYE	KIBLIN, WALTER KIBLIN, MISTY	3/3/2014	PETERBOROUGH, NH	
LABER, JENNAVIEVE LYNN	LABER, ANTHONY LABER, SUZZANNA	3/26/2014	PETERBOROUGH, NH	
MAFERA, PARKER THOMAS	MAFERA, JASON WOODBURY, LAURA	4/28/2014	PETERBOROUGH, NH	
PRENTICE, GRACE OLIVIA	PRENTICE, JAMES PRENTICE, REBECCA	6/11/2014	PETERBOROUGH, NH	
COOK, BRYSON ROBERT	COOK, BENJAMIN COOK, MOLLY	7/1/2014	PETERBOROUGH, NH	
DESMARAIS, MAXWELL EUGENE	DESMARAIS, CHRISTOPHER CAISSE, TOSHA	10/12/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	
HEINZMANN, RYE KELVIN	HEINZMANN, RICHARD WORTEN-HEINZMANN, ZOE	12/9/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	

DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME	MILITARY
KELLY, MARJORIE	FRANCESTOWN	1/28/2014	JOSEPH BRAWLEY GEORGIA WILSON	NON MILITARY
THULANDER, O. ALAN	FRANCESTOWN	3/2/2014	ODIN THULANDER MARGARET ALLEN	NON MILITARY
SWAN, WILLIAM	JAFFREY	5/16/2014	CHARLES SWAN ELISABETH MUNSELL	MILITARY
FLINT, JOSEPH	NASHUA	5/17/2014	JOSEPH FLINT MEGHAN BREWER	NON MILITARY
CYR, DANIEL	FRANCESTOWN	6/24/2014	LEO CYR REINE APRIL	NON MILITARY
PUTNAM, DANIEL	FRANCESTOWN	11/12/2014	DOUGLAS CHAPMAN ELLEN MORGAN	NON MILITARY
VON ROSENVINGE, JAMES	HILLSBOROUGH	12/10/2014	THEODORE VON ROSENVINGE MARY WORCESTER	NON MILITARY

MARRIAGES

NAME A RESIDENCE	NAME B RESIDENCE	ISSUANCE TOWN	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE
WHIPPLE, DAVID W, FRANCESTOWN	STOLTZ, MONICA S, FRANCESTOWN	FRANCESTOWN	FRANCESTOWN	2/20/2014
HARDWICK, CARL H III, FRANCESTOWN	MARCHAND, HANNAH A, FRANCESTOWN	FRANCESTOWN	FRANCESTOWN	5/24/2014
DETOUR, DAVID T, KINGSTON, NH	SIDILEAU, JUDITH E, FRANCESTOWN	KINGSTON	KINGSTON	6/27/2014
KEATING, SADIE M, FRANCESTOWN	PATTEN, SHANE M, FRANCESTOWN	FRANCESTOWN	FRANCESTOWN	7/12/2014
CULLIGAN, CODY R, DANVILLE, NH	FARRELL, TRINA M, FRANCESTOWN	DANVILLE	DANVILLE	8/30/2014
POLLOCK, JOHN H, MILFORD, NH	MCCARTHY, CLARE M, FRANCESTOWN	FRANCESTOWN	MILFORD	9/13/2014

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief

Pamela A. Finnell
Town Clerk

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST REPORT 2014

The year 2014 was a very busy election year. Starting off with our Tuesday, March 11 School/Town Election, September 9 brought the Primary and finally, on November 4th, the State & Federal Election. Voters can register to vote at the polls for town, state and federal elections that are held during the year. One cannot register to vote at the School District Deliberative Session or at the Saturday session of the Town Meeting. To register to vote at an Election, bring your necessary photo identification, fill out the paperwork and vote immediately after. If you want to fill out an application to register to vote when it is not election time, just see the Town Clerk, bring the appropriate identification and fill out the application. At the next session of the Supervisors your application will be reviewed and approved. When registering to vote, you are not required to register as a member of a political party, i.e. as a Republican or a Democrat; you may register as an "UNDdeclared" voter. However, while all registered voters are allowed to vote in a general election, only party members can vote in a primary election.

At the March Town Election Janet Quilty was elected to a six year term. In early September, Janet resigned her position due to a move out of town and Cathy Gombas was appointed to that vacant position by the remaining Supervisors, until the March 2015 election. The remainder of Quilty's term (5 years) will be the term of this elected position, as the Supervisors are elected for a six year term.

As you may know, the election data is all compiled through the ElectionNet system, and is computerized state-wide. If someone previously registered in another NH town moves into our community and registers to vote, the number of the voter registration and the voter's history all comes to us, via the ElectionNet system. Oftentimes, usually 10 days prior to an election, the State of NH mandates our sessions for a certain date and time.

If you have questions about voting you may contact the Town Clerk, a Supervisor of the Checklist or the Secretary of State's office. The Secretary of State website has a wealth of information for you to explore. Check out <http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>

Oftentimes a voter dies and the name remains on the checklist for an inordinate amount of time. Although we know the party is deceased, we cannot automatically remove the voter's name, according to NH law, without the Supervisors receiving either a report from NH Vital Statistics or a copy of the death certificate.

At the time of writing this report, there were 1077 voters on the Frankestown checklist. REP 358, UND 486 and DEM 233.

Respectfully Submitted,

Supervisors of the Checklist
Thomas P Anderson
Barbara J Carbee
Catherine A Gombas

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

There were 1073 registered voters: 358 Republicans, 233 Democrats, 482 Undeclared.

Building permits issued: Total-47, New Home-4, Addition- 2, Renovation-2, Demolition-1, Mechanical-11, Barn/Shed/Garage-7, Electrical-10, Plumbing-2, Pool-2, Deck-1, Other-5.

In April, after many months of meetings and debate, light shields were installed on the Crotched Mountain ski area expansion trails, which are within Francestown town limits.

On July 12th, the Francestown Village Store celebrated its 200th anniversary. It has been in continuous operation since 1814, and at various times, in addition to the general store, the building has housed the Post Office, 2 banks, a harness maker shop and the Fire Department.

In August, Elaine McClary retired from her position as Town Clerk and Tax Collector. She served for 23 years. Pam Finnell stepped up to serve the remainder of the term.

The temporary bridge on 2nd NH Tpk South was closed in May for construction of the new, permanent bridge. The new bridge was open to traffic in September.

In mid-October, the NH DOT recommended closure of the Scoby Rd Bridge. After a month of construction, the new bridge was opened in mid-November.

A joint project of the Francestown Land Trust and Francestown Conservation Commission, with the help of a LCHIP grant protected 37 acres on Old County Road North. This parcel connects with the Dinsmore Brook Conservation Area and extends the Dinsmore-Shattuck trail. This area was dedicated as the Dorothy and Herman Miller Family Forest.

A joint project with Francestown Conservation Commission and Piscataquog Land Conservancy, also with the help of a LCHIP grant, protected the 150 acre John and Diane Schott Brennan Brook Preserve located on Bullard Hill Rd. Grant money received for both projects totaled \$150,000.

Francestown Improvement and Historical Society sponsored the 97th annual Labor Day celebration. The parade theme was "Let's Take A Trip", and the Grand Prize was won by the Stewart and Adams families for "Hunting Trip Gone Wrong". The festival raised over \$12,000 for FIHS. The Historical Rooms were open Labor Day, for several summer events and by appointment. Events sponsored by FIHS included: the June community supper, annual Christmas Tree Lighting, holiday wreaths for buildings around town and seasonal flowers around the Town Common. The FIHS lodge on Main St was open for recreation activities, Halloween, the 2nd annual Francestown Arts Festival and other group functions during the year. The clean-up project of the FIHS/Coburn Park on Main Street continued. Fundraising efforts for the renovation of the Beehive were very successful and plans are underway for construction to resume in 2015. Active membership was 256.

The Old Meeting House held several events during the year including: In March- "Spring Fling, dinner dance and silent auction", In May- "Tour de Francestown", In June-"Beatles For Sale, a musical tribute", "Meeting House Minstrels" with Candace Wharton and students and the Nashua Chamber Orchestra, and the annual Land Trust Meeting, in July- "Bluegrass Gospel Project", in August- "ACRONYM Baroque Ensemble", "Monadnock Music Concert" and Sandra MacKay's Graduation Recital, in September- "Labor Day Vespers", Ice Cream Social and Tours on Labor Day. The steeple of the OMH, which was damaged by a lightning strike in 2013, was repaired and lightning protection was installed.

The Garden Club's annual plant sale in May was a huge success, raising \$3890. Ten applicants submitted essays for the annual scholarship and the \$1500 scholarship was awarded to Jessica Notemeyer (a pre-veterinarian Student at Becker College) for her essay on "An Environmental Problem Affecting Local Plants with Ideas for a Solution". The club supplied personnel and plants for the Labor Day plant sale which netted over \$580 for FIHS. Rev Beth Boisvert was pastor of Francestown Community Church.

Francestown student enrollments: ConVal-58, Great Brook-36, Francestown Elementary-56, and Home Schooled Students-21.

Farming Fun 4-H Club had 3 members. Members met 5-6 times a year and worked on independent projects including cows, horses, fishing, small engines and science. Member activities included: Team Conference, exhibiting photos at Activities Day, Volunteering at Hillsborough County Fair, making blankets for the homeless, gathering items and assembling care packages for military service people and disaster victims and assembling and delivering welcome baskets in town.

The Francestown Food Co-Op was active in its 40th year. Purchases were made from Associated Buyers of NH 1-2 times a month or as needed.

To the best of my knowledge, residents who served in the armed forces were: US Marine Corp- Gunnery Sgt Richard Beard, and Pvt William Dennis Robbins Jr; Air Force-Major Lauren Sheahan-Zelko; Army National Guard-Sgt Richard Roberts; Navy-Lt Liam Delahanty, Seaman Recruit Erick T. Naegeli, LSSA Steven Finnell E-3.

Francestown mourned the loss of several residents in 2014

January 28, 2014-**Marjorie Kelly**, a long time resident of town.

March 2, 2014- the **Honorable O. Alan Thulander**, served on many boards and committees in town, including: Selectman, member of the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Highway Safety Committee, and Volunteer Fire Dept. He was Chairman of the Thulander Vehicular Museum which was his dream and project that he saw through to completion in his later years. In the larger community, he served on NH State Legislature, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Dept., Bail Bondman, and as Justice of the Peace.

April 13, 2014- **Maureen Gill VonRosenvinge**, was very active in town, and was especially devoted to the Town Hall restoration project.

May 16, 2014-**Joy Bicknell**, held a master's degree in Nutrition and ran a nutritional consulting business with clients across the country.

May 16, 2014-**William C. Swan**, known as a sincere man of principals, served in the US Army in WWII and the Korean War. He enjoyed sailing, hiking, nature and time with his family.

May 17, 2014-**Josephine Flint**

June 24, 2014-**Daniel J. Cyr**, was passionate about his career in forestry, his friends and family. He received numerous forestry awards, was recognized for 30 years membership in the Society of American Foresters and is remembered by his associates for always putting "the health and welfare of the forest first and last".

September 18, 2014-**Olga O. Onasch**, a resident of town for nearly 20 years, competed in modeling contests, was an award winning photographer and a graphic artist. She was a passionate Boston sports fan, loved to travel and named Paris as her favorite city.

November 12, 2014-**Ellen Joyce (Chapman) Putnam**, served at the Frankestown Post Office for 23 years, as clerk, rural carrier and acting Postmaster. She also worked at Abbott Machine and the Wilton Telephone Company. She gave the Salutatory speech on Achievement at her graduation from Wilton High School. She loved reading, camping and participating in motorcycle events.

December 10, 2014-**James Turner VonRosenvinge**, built a number of homes in NH, created websites, designed and built model boats and was a talented drummer and musician.

December 22, 2014-**Herman C. Miller**, “Bing” was born in Frankestown, served in the U.S. Army, was Town Clerk for 45 years and Treasurer for 28 of those years. He worked as a mechanic in Greenfield and Bennington. He enjoyed traveling, skiing, golf and tennis.

All will be greatly missed by the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Holmes, Historian

TOWN MEETING 2014

MARCH 15, 2014

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m., by Moderator, Paul Lawrence and the polls were declared open followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Francestown, in said County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Offices. 27 Main Street, in said Francestown on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting of Article 1 through 8 will be by official ballot, and the polls shall be open for balloting on said date at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

(By Official Ballot)

Total Votes for Town Ballot

548 Regular Votes

55 Absentee Votes

Total Votes for School Ballot

548 Regular Votes

44 Absentee Votes

Total Number of Voters on checklist at end of day was 1172

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN ELECTION RESULTS

For Selectman for Three Years

Lisa J. Stewart 256
Abigail Arnold 342

For Treasurer for Three Years

Nicholas F. Wilder 518

For Town Clerk for Three Years

Elaine T. McClary 561

For Tax Collector for Three Years

Elaine T. McClary 565

For Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years

Henry H. Kunhardt 519

For Fire Ward for One Year

Richard F. Leavitt 499
Brain Delahanty 510
Aaron Eder-Linell 502
David Hanlon 498
Laurence R. Kullgren 510

For Cemetery Commission for Three Years

Elizabeth P. Wiederhold 518

For Public Assistance Administrator for One Year

Phyllis Naegeli 120

For Planning Board for Three Years

Prescott Guyton Tolman 362
Lisa Bourbeau 325
Henry Camirand 149

For Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years

Janet M. Quilty 507

For Library Trustee for Three Years

Robin M. Haubrich 524

Conval School District Officers for Three Years

Stephan Morrissey 82

WARRANT ARTICLES VOTED ON OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 2:

Are you in favor of authorizing the Planning Board to make editorial and structural amendments to the Francestown zoning ordinance, without changing its substance, as proposed by the planning board in order to allow code reference updates and provide consistency with State Law, titles and numbering?

YES = 456 NO = 86

ARTICLE 3:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: remove Section 3.1.4 Merger of Lots? *The intent of this amendment is to bring the ordinance into conformity with state statutes. Municipalities may no longer merge lots without consent of the owner.*

YES = 501 NO = 50

ARTICLE 4:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 2 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: replace old regulations with current state reference language in Article II-A.6.3(2), Shore land Overlay District, Permitted Uses? *This proposal would replace outdated regulations related to the cutting of trees within the Shore land Overlay District with a reference to new State regulations and as amended.*

YES = 468 NO = 80

ARTICLE 5:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 3 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: add language to Section II-A.2.6 (a) (2) Wetlands and Vernal Pool District, Prohibited Uses?

This proposal would relax current requirements to allow above-ground propane tanks if located at least 50 feet from the district boundary. The current ordinance prohibits location within 100 feet of the district boundary.

YES = 422 NO = 125

ARTICLE 6:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 4 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: add the words “to maintain an environment amenable to agricultural and farming activities” to the purposes in the Preamble to the zoning ordinance? *The intent of this proposal is to emphasize the importance of retaining farming and agriculture activities and possibilities in Francestown.*

YES = 504

NO = 52

ARTICLE 7:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 5 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: remove the stand-alone section of the ordinance Life Safety Code while retaining the Life Safety Code reference in its current position within the Inspector of Buildings and Approval of Building Plans section of the Ordinance? *The proposal preserves Life Safety Code requirements and clarifies appeals procedures and enforcement.*

YES = 459

NO = 75

ARTICLE 8:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 6 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: allow Farm Roadside Stands as a permitted use? *This proposal would a) add Article 3.16, “Farm Roadside Stands” which will make farm stands a permitted use, provided certain performance standards are met, instead of a use by special exception, and; b) allow such farm stands in the front setback area, and c) add or modify definitions and Table 2 related to such change.*

YES = 496

NO = 61

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Francestown Elementary School on Saturday, the Fifteenth day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the Town will act on the following subjects:

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Francestown Elementary School on Saturday, the Fifteenth day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the Town will act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 9:

Motion made by Maureen Von Rosenvinge to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$350,000 (“gross” basis) to finance a capital project for design, engineering, rehabilitation, reconstruction, repair, improvement and equipping of the Town Hall located at 2 New Boston Road and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with RSA 33 and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate, or discount rate in the case of notes, place of payment, form and other details of such bonds or notes and to enter into such agreements as are necessary to accomplish the financing and completion of such project. The appropriation made by this article will be a special nonlapsing appropriation per RSA 32 and will not lapse until such project is completed or December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. A 2/3 vote by ballot is required.

Motion seconded by Becky Moul

Motion made by Paul St. Cyr to Table the Article

Motion to Table Article 9 not carried

Moderator announced the voting time would be open for one (1) hour. Opened at 11:22AM, Closed at 12:25PM.

Article 9 as originally written carried by secret ballot majority vote YES = 132 NO = 46

ARTICLE 10:

Motion made by Gary Paige to see if the Town will vote to require that NO municipal or other public funds may be spent by the Town on engineering studies, maintenance, repairs or replacement of Cressy Hill Road, and any bridges located thereon, in the section where said road is a Class VI road as defined within the town's master plan, and further affirmed by the below described “Agreement.” The section of said road to which this article applies is

described as follows: from the intersection of Cressy Hill Road with Russell Station road to that point at the B. Hardwick driveway where the said Cressy Hill Road then changes from a Class VI road to a Class A trail, as voted in Article 19 at Town Meeting March 17, 2001.

The declared purpose and intent of this article is to acknowledge and enforce the provisions of that Agreement and Release, "Agreement," recorded with the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds on July 3, 1997 in Book 5829, Page 804, pursuant to and as required by RSA 674:41, which under said statute was a condition precedent to, and on which the Town relied, in granting at that time a building permit on said road to the landowner who signed the said Agreement, and under which permit said landowner did construct a residence. The land for which the building permit was issued, and which is subject to said Agreement, is described in the deed recorded with the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds in Book 5816, Page 588, and shown on the Tax Map of the Town as Lot 3 Map 8. Said Agreement specifically provides, in pertinent part, that the "Landowner's real property fronts a Class VI highway," that "Landowner...does hereby forever release and discharge the TOWN...from the obligation of maintaining said road..." and the "Landowner agrees that at his/her own expense or at the expense of him/herself and other owners of property located on the Road, to clear, repair and reconstruct the Road and any bridges located thereon to the standards prescribed by the Board of Selectmen..." (BY PETITION)

Motion seconded by Dennis Orsi

Article 10 Not Carried by secret ballot majority vote YES = 36 NO = 132

Motion made by Silas Little to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 10

Motion seconded by Blair Hardwick

Motion to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 10 Carried

ARTICLE 11:

Motion made by Stewart Brock to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY (\$1,592,670) DOLLARS to pay the normal operating costs of the Town, such sum to be raised by taxation.

Motion seconded by Elizabeth Lavallee

Motion made by Becky Moul to amend article 11, accounts 4210-4214 titled Police, by a reduction of \$5000.

Motion seconded by Abby Dawson

Motion to amend Article 11, accounts 4210-4214, titled Police not Carried

Motion made by Abby Dawson to amend Article 11 by reducing the overall budget in the amount of \$25,000.

Motion seconded by Lawrie Barr.

Motion to amend Article 11 does not carry

Article 11 as originally written Carried

ARTICLE 12:

Motion made by Abigail Arnold to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED (\$477,200) DOLLARS to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner:

\$5,000 Future Replacement of Fire Equipment

\$60,000 Future Replacement or Purchase of Highway Equipment

\$350,000 Future Repair and Replacement of Bridges

\$2,200 Future Cemetery Improvements

\$10,000 Future Replacement of Police Vehicles

\$50,000 Future Replacement of Fire Trucks

Such sums to be raised by the withdrawal of ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (\$112,200) DOLLARS from Undesignated Fund Surplus and THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$365,000) DOLLARS by taxation.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick

Article 12 Carried

ARTICLE 13:

Motion made by Nick Wilder to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$95,000) DOLLARS to complete various Town building related maintenance projects and equipment upgrades, generally outlined as:

\$30,000 for resurfacing of the Town Clock and exterior maintenance to the Town Hall

\$20,000 for heating system upgrades to the Fire Station

\$15,000 for Town building alarm system upgrades

\$15,000 for clapboard repairs and painting of the Fire Station

\$8,000 for a generator for the Town Hall Annex

\$7,000 for Town Office file server

Such sum to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus, or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Dennis Orsi

Article 13 Carried

ARTICLE 14:

Motion made by Gary Paige to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND (\$110,000) DOLLARS for the replacement of the bridge on Scoby Road over Scoby Outlet, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Repair and Replacement of Bridges" or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Leila Wilder

Article 14 Carried

ARTICLE 15:

Motion made by Abigail Arnold to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND (\$70,000) DOLLARS to purchase and outfit a dump truck, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Replacement or Purchase of Highway Equipment," or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick

Article 15 Carried

ARTICLE 16:

Motion made by Abigail Arnold to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND (\$38,000) DOLLARS to purchase and outfit a police cruiser, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Replacement of Police Vehicles," or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick.

Motion made by Bart Hardwick to amend Article 16 with a reduction of \$8000.

Motion seconded by Abby Dawson

Motion to amend Article 16 does not Carry

Article 16 as originally written Carried

ARTICLE 17:

Motion made by Abigail Arnold to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS to complete a statistical revaluation of all real estate as set forth by the Department of Revenue Administration, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Appraisal of Real Estate," or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick

Article 17 Carried

ARTICLE 18:

Motion made by Dennis Orsi to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND AND TWENTY (\$17,020) DOLLARS for the treatment of invasive milfoil in Scoby Pond (aka Haunted Lake), SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHT (\$6,808) DOLLARS to be raised by the acceptance of grants, FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO (\$4,932) DOLLARS to be raised by taxation, and FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (\$5,280) DOLLARS to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus, or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick

Article 18 Carried

ARTICLE 19:

Motion made by Betsy Hardwick to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500) DOLLARS to fund milfoil prevention efforts at Pleasant Pond by contributing to the funding of boat monitors between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2014, such sum to be raised by taxation, or to take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Abigail Arnold

Article 19 Carried

ARTICLE 20:

Motion made by Betsy Hardwick to see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA Chapter 31:19-a titled the "Master Plan Update Fund" for the purpose of funding updates to the Town's Master Plan and related documents under the direction of the Planning Board, to raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000) DOLLARS to be placed in this fund with such sum to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus, and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Motion seconded by Abigail Arnold

Article 20 Carried

ARTICLE 21:

Motion made by Betsy Hardwick to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED (\$3,600) DOLLARS to purchase a traffic data collection device, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED (\$1,800) DOLLARS to be raised by the acceptance of a grant and ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED (\$1,800) DOLLARS to be raised by taxation, or take any other action related thereto.

Motion seconded by Scott Carbee

Article 21 Carried

ARTICLE 22:

Motion made by Nick Wilder to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (\$2,200) DOLLARS, such sum to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus and deposited into the General Cemetery Maintenance Trust, said amount representing revenue received from the sale of cemetery lots in the year 2013.

Motion seconded by Betsy Hardwick

Article 22 Carried

ARTICLE 23:

Motion made by Betsy Hardwick to see if the Town will vote to rescind the actions taken under Article 17 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting and all prior warrant articles regarding purchasing limits and further to vote that the Board of Selectmen is authorized and required to adopt purchasing policies governing the expenditure of Town funds to ensure that efforts shall be made to see that prices for supplies, equipment, and services reflect optimum utilization of funds.

Motion seconded by Abigail Arnold.

Motion made by Mary Lindstrom to Table Article 23 for further review until 2015 Town Meeting.

Motion to Table Article 23 Carried.

ARTICLE 24:

Motion made by Lawrie Barr that the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that: 1) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and 2) clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

And furthermore, that this Town Meeting vote be a record that We the People want Congress and our state legislature to:

Institute full, effective and immediate electronic disclosure of all election-related spending by any individual, group, corporation, party or institution.

Provide for fair, nonpartisan and vigorous enforcement of existing campaign laws and regulations by federal and state agencies.

Enact an absolute ban on campaign contributions by foreign governments, foreign agencies, foreign corporations or their subsidiaries and employees in the U.S.

Enact legislation that would cut down the influence of big bankroll donors by multiplying the power of small donations through the use of voter vouchers, tax credits and matching public funds.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Francetown's congressional delegation, and to Francetown's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the Board of Selectmen within 30 days of the vote. (BY PETITION)

Motion seconded by Lisa Bourbeau

Article 24 Carried.

ARTICLE 25:

Motion made by Moderator, Paul Lawrence to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion seconded by Lawrie Barr

Moderator, Paul Lawrence expressed thanks to the Fire Department Auxiliary for providing lunch and other refreshments, and also thanks to Elizabeth Taft for her assistance with the passing of the microphone.

Motion made by Maureen Von Rosenvinge to adjourn meeting

Motion seconded by Dennis Orsi

Motion to adjourn at 2:51pm Carried

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

Elaine T. McClary, Town Clerk

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

Property assessments are no longer included in the Annual Report. The information that used to appear in the Annual Report is available at no charge on the Town Website on the “Assessing” page or upon request at the Board of Selectmen’s Office. Property record cards are also available at no charge using the public access computer at the Town Offices or on Avitar’s website (accessed from a link on the Town’s homepage). Please contact the Town Administrator with any questions.

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